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INTRODUCTION

Baptists of North Carolina have been in the vanguard of progressive child care since *The Baptist Children's Homes* was established in 1885*. It continues to hold that enviable position in 1970. In 1957 the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina appointed a committee to study the several agencies and institutions that it sponsors. The committee was subdivided with one group to study the social service agencies. This group made a trip to Washington, D. C., to interview the staff of the Children's Bureau about what they considered good child care. The chairman of this subcommittee, the late Mr. T. P. Pruitt, later stated to the full committee that he asked the head of the Bureau what constitutes an excellent child care program. He answered, "Go back home and study your own program. We do not know of a child care program that is superior to the one sponsored by North Carolina Baptists." This quote was given to me recently by Mr. W. B. Harrill of Cullowhee, who headed the subcommittee to study the colleges.

It is agreed by all leading welfare authorities that children's homes such as ours are absolutely essential in this generation. Hence, an ever-increasing support by our great denomination is a must if we are to continue to blaze trails in this important phase of Christian service. Keep in mind that your children's homes were first in Mother's Aid in 1920: four years later the North Carolina Legislature appropriated \$50,000 for this worthy cause. Then a few years later the Federal government entered this field of service on a matching basis with the states and called it "Aid to Dependent Children," or "A.D.C." This action relieved the Baptists of the major burden of Mother's Aid. But there are still certain cases that cannot meet government standards. We now serve with financial aid an average of about sixty children each year while they continue to live with their own mothers. We were also among the first of the children's institutions to adopt the Foster Home Program, and we had the first trained social worker in any of the Southern child care agencies. In fact we had one of the first trained social workers in North Carolina. She entered this field in 1923 to supervise the Mother's Aid Program.

* The Baptist Children's Homes has had several names since it was founded in 1885. The organization was first known as the *Thomasville Baptist Orphanage*. Later the name was changed to the *Mills Home*. In 1935 the name was again changed to *The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina*. The work was promoted under this title until 1957 when it became *The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc.*

Now a good child care program does not just happen. Back of it there is much thought, planning, and teamwork by a dedicated board of trustees, administration, and staff combined with a great deal of outside counseling. This book will attempt to set forth briefly how these groups, the churches, and many individuals have worked together to strengthen the child care program of the North Carolina Baptists. To ascertain the facts, Mrs. Reed and I have read every issue of *Charity and Children* since it was founded in 1886. We have also read every annual report made by administration and staff from 1932 through 1970. We have read the minutes of every executive committee and every board meeting during these years. We have read every word recorded in the annuals of the Baptist State Conventions concerning child care since 1932. Since I became connected with the child care program of North Carolina in 1943, I have missed only one board meeting. So, for the past twenty-eight of the thirty-eight years covered, I have personally witnessed nearly all that took place. But the most important information I have used came from the alumni. About one thousand of them wrote to me stating just what the Homes had meant to them.

The Baptists of North Carolina have loved the Children's Homes from the beginning. One of its greatest promoters was the late Dr. Charles E. Maddrey. When he was elected General Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board in 1930, many of our Baptist leaders wanted to bring all child care agencies into the Cooperative Program for their total support. Dr. Maddrey refused to accept the position of the General Secretary until the Foreign Mission Board agreed to let him promote orphanage work by direct appeal to the churches if the Homes so desired. Dr. J. W. Lynch, eminent preacher, teacher, and scholar, spoke at the Baptist State Convention in 1938. Among other comments, he said, "It was my privilege to be present at the last annual meeting of the orphanage at Thomasville. The memory of that visit abides in my heart like a dream of Paradise Regained! I have stood reverent and subdued on many holy places on the earth from the riverside tomb where sleeps the father of our Country, to the skull-shaped mountain where was crucified our Lord; but never was my thought so pure, my heart so tender, and my feelings so holy as when I saw for the first time the hallowed spot where the dropped stitches of vanquished hands were being woven again in the loom of love. . . . The song that will live longest in my soul is not the great hymn, 'Throw out the Lifeline', sung by thirty-thousand young Christians and directed by Mr. Sankey; but it is that beautiful hymn, 'God Will Take Care of You', sung by the little quartet of girls before the breakfast hour on this memorable occasion." Then in March 1953,

a group of Southern Baptist child care executives met with some of the professors at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Here the beloved seminary professor, the late Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, said, "In my opinion the children's homes have done more to promote stewardship of giving than any other agency that Baptists support. Their first Biblical giving was to that worthy cause, and this stimulated them to give to missions and all other causes sponsored by our great Baptist denomination." The love of North Carolina Baptists has been clearly demonstrated by their ever increasing support. The total income in 1932 was \$145,000 and in 1970 it was \$1,682,500. The endowment has increased from \$475,920 to \$1,394,827. Surely these facts show love in action.

To the ones who have made it possible for me to bring this history up to date, I am deeply grateful. They are the Board of Trustees, who authorized it; the administration, which has given perfect cooperation by making all records available; the alumni, who have freely shared their experiences with me, not only while they were at the Homes but also since they have been away; my friend, Marse Grant, who wrote the introduction to my administration; my son-in-law and my daughter, Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Huguelet, who have read the manuscript and made many valuable suggestions; and my beloved wife, Mellie, without whose help and encouragement this work would never have been undertaken.

W.C.R.



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Chapter I

SUMMARY OF B. W. SPILMAN'S HISTORY OF THE MILLS HOME*

Chapter I. "The Beginning of Orphanage Work." It is worthy of note that the people of heathen lands have never made any effort to provide for orphan children. Since the beginning of the Christian era, all peoples who have been touched by the Bible have tried to make some provision for orphans. During the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries, the countries of Europe made many attempts in this direction. Perhaps the greatest success was achieved in Germany, Italy, and England. Since church and state were united, orphanage work was usually under government subsidy. In 1836 the Reverend George F. Muller started an orphanage in Bristol, England, and directed it till his death in 1898. He never asked directly for money. He prayed much and kept the people informed of his needs. The needs were always met.

In 1762 the colonial government of North Carolina provided for the apprenticeship of orphans. The persons to whom they were apprenticed agreed to furnish clothing, food, medicine, lodging, and schooling. The boys served until they were twenty-one, the girls until eighteen. When they were dismissed, the foster parents gave them a new suit of clothes, a new Bible, and six dollars. The orphans of North Carolina were cared for this way until after the Civil War. Andrew Johnson was apprenticed to a tailor in Raleigh. He ran away and "Kept running until he arrived in the White House in Washington."

In 1859 the Reverend Charles F. Deems, one of the greatest of Methodist ministers, opened a school for boys and girls in Wilson. In 1861 almost all the boys left for the army. So many fathers were killed and so many children were left homeless that this great man decided to convert his school to a "Military College for Orphans of Confederate Soldiers." A considerable sum was raised, but the tide of battle turned and conditions in the South became almost hopeless. When the war ended the state under the "mob rule" of the Legislature annulled the charter. The dreams of this man of God came to naught.

Chapter II. "Preparation of a Pioneer." John H. Mills was born in

* *The Mills Home: A History of the Baptist Orphanage Movement in North Carolina*, Thomasville, N. C., 1932.

Halifax County, Virginia, in 1831. His father was a Baptist minister and prominent farmer. When John was nineteen, it was decided that he must go to college. He entered Wake Forest College in 1850 and finished his A.B. degree in 1854 and his M.A. in 1857. After leaving Wake Forest, Mills taught in Dr. Waite's school, The Oxford Female Academy, for three years. Then he bought the school and operated it very successfully till 1866. He sold the Academy and moved to St. John's College (formerly operated by the Masons of this state) for one year. In 1867 he bought the *Biblical Recorder* and edited it for several years. While in this position he traveled all over the state and saw the great distress of the people, particularly the widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers had not returned from the terrible war.

In 1872 Mr. Mills offered a resolution in the Grand Lodge of Masons, meeting in Raleigh, that brought the first child caring institution into North Carolina. The Grand Lodge debated the resolution vigorously and the vote ended in a tie. The Grand Master, Mr. John Nichols of Raleigh, broke the tie in favor of the resolution. Thus, the Masons became the first organization in North Carolina to start orphanage work. Mr. Mills was elected superintendent, and in 1873 the first children were admitted. Mr. Mills served as superintendent of this work until 1884. He left Oxford and moved to Thomasville with the intention of opening a school there, but "God had other plans for him."

CHAPTERS VI-XII

BAPTISTS ENTER ORPHANAGE WORK— JOHN MILLS' ADMINISTRATION

In 1869 the Baptists of Louisville, Kentucky, began orphanage work, but on a very small scale for many years. The Baptists of Philadelphia and Texas started in 1879. There were never many children served in Philadelphia, but Texas, under the leadership of its great founder, Robert Buckner, prospered from the first and is now the largest child-caring institution in the world. It was named "Buckner Orphans' Home." It is now titled "Buckner Benevolences." In 1883 there was a good deal of agitation for a Baptist orphanage in North Carolina. A year later several articles appeared in the *Biblical Recorder* in favor of the movement. In July 1884, Dr. Columbus Durham, in an article in the *Biblical Recorder*, nominated a committee to draw up a suitable resolution to present to the Baptist State Convention at its annual meeting. He called for a second to the nomination. The second came from J. D. Hufham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Scotland Neck. The committee nominated was

J. H. Mills, W. R. Gwaltney, and R. D. Flemming. They were urged to have a resolution ready when the onvention met. The orphanage movement was discussed in the *Biblical Recorder*, in state publications, and in the associational meetings. When the Baptist State Convention met in Raleigh in November, 1884, the orphanage was the chief topic of conversation.

The carefully prepared resolution was read by Dr. Columbus Durham. This resolution called for action by the Convention and the opening of an orphanage immediately. The Reverend A. G. McManus offered a substitute resolution calling for a committee to be appointed to study the matter and report back to the onvention one year later. Then Dr. Charles C. Taylor, president of Wake Forest College, offered a substitute for the substitute that would allow the work to start immediately. "Then the fireworks started." The debate was so heated and confused that Dr. R. L. Scarborough, president of the Convention, ruled all motions except the original, out of order. Then the friends of the movement, realizing that the resolution would be defeated, moved to adjourn the Convention, thus cutting off debate. About five o'clock that same day, Dr. Taylor was walking by the First Baptist Church to catch a train to Wake Forest when he saw John Mills sitting on the front steps. Tears were plainly visible in his eyes. Dr. Taylor stopped and began talking with Mr. Mills. Soon others joined them. Dr. Taylor said that this movement was of God and man should not be allowed to stop it. He further suggested that the little group there on the steps go into the pastor's study and organize the orphanage outside the onvention. Seven of the leaders of the Baptist State Convention went into the study and organized the Baptist Orphanage Association. Dr. Taylor's name is first on the list. Dues were set at \$1.00 per year. All seven present immediately joined. Word of this action was passed on to the Missions Committee which was then in session. Dr. Hufham left this meeting and joined the group, making a total of eight members. When the Convention convened that night, the announcement of the newly organized orphanage was made and the resolution was withdrawn from the floor.

That night, after the Convention adjourned, a meeting of the Association was called and several others joined the movement. They unanimously elected John H. Mills as general manager, but he did not immediately accept the position. They also elected five trustees to hold title to property, and a visiting committee of five to help plan and direct the work. At the same meeting, officers were elected and a committee appointed to find a suitable location. "Interestingly, exactly one year later while the Convention was meeting in Reidsville, Mary Presson was being admitted to the orphanage as its first child." This

Convention of 1885 voted without a dissenting voice to admit the orphanage into our Convention as a vital part of its work. Perhaps from that day to this, no part of the Baptist program has been as close to the hearts of our people as their orphanage.

Dr. John C. Scarborough, who for several years was superintendent of the public schools of North Carolina, was chairman of the committee to find a suitable location for the Home. He visited every section of the state and made a careful study of many places. Finally he learned of a farm for sale near Hickory. He liked it very much and immediately raised money in Hickory to pay for the farm. But alas, when the seller learned what it was for, he doubled the price. Dr. Scarborough refused to be "held up." Now Dr. Scarborough visited Mr. Mills in Thomasville to talk the matter over with him. When he got off the train someone told him the L. W. Elliott farm, one mile west of Thomasville, was for sale. He got a friend to drive him out to the farm and casually looked it over. Then he went on one mile farther to Rich Fork where Mr. Mills was living. They talked till late at night, but no mention was made of the Elliott farm. The next morning Dr. Scarborough asked Mr. Mills to drive him over to the Elliott farm. Mr. Mills asked, "Why?" The only answer was, "Because." They looked the farm over carefully. Finally they stood on "Paradise Hill" near where the church is now located. They looked to the north, the south, the east, and the west. They saw two beautiful ridges running north and south with a lovely valley between. A bold spring was bubbling up in the heart of the valley and flowing to the south. Dr. Scarborough was first to speak. He said, "John, the search is over." For a moment Mr. Mills was silent. Then, as tears trickled down his cheeks, he said, "Thank God!" Immediately they went to town and found Mr. Elliott. Dr. Scarborough handed him ten dollars to bind the deal. Then when Mr. Elliott learned what it was to be used for, he made a substantial gift on the purchase price. So the Orphanage Association paid only \$1,150.00 for the original eighty acres, which is perhaps as suitable a location for a children's home as could be found anywhere in the state. Mr. Mills now wrote the chairman of the Association that he would accept the position as general manager of the orphanage. This was in early January, 1885.

Mr. E. M. Peace was employed to clear the grounds, and three mules were bought for his use. Mills took to the road in search of funds. He went east, stopping in every hamlet and town; but when he finally reached Scotland Neck on Saturday, he had collected only a few dollars. About the time he arrived there snow and ice began to collect on the ground. Sunday morning found only a small number of people at the First Baptist Church where he was to speak. After he had

spoken, they took an offering for the orphanage which amounted to a few dollars. Naturally he was becoming discouraged, but God has a way of brightening the hopes of His faithful servants. So on Monday morning the pastor, the Reverend Mr. Hufham, was walking along the street and met Mr. Noah Biggs, a faithful Baptist and prosperous merchant. He talked to Mr. Biggs about the orphanage. Mr. Biggs said he would give \$1,000.00 to build a cottage for girls. They immediately notified Mr. John Watson of Warrenton what Mr. Biggs had done. He wired back that Noah Biggs could not outgive him. He said that he was ready to give \$1,250.00 for a boys' cottage. This news spread into the Chowan Association and the Reverend John Mitchell and his brother, a merchant, gave a sufficient amount of money to build a cottage. When the Chowan Association met they subscribed \$1,500.00 for still another cottage. The property was now paid for and four cottages assured before the orphanage became a part of the Convention in November, 1885. The Mitchell cottage was completed before the Convention met. It still stands at the close of 1969, and is almost as modern as those built this year.

On July 14, 1887, John Mills started *Charity and Children*. The Visiting Committee heartily approved, but when the Orphanage Association met on July 27 of the same year, they voted to discontinue the publication. The paper continued to be published each week through August and September. Then people began to inquire why their orders had not been observed. Mills was puzzled and asked, "What orders?" The resolution had been passed while he was absent from the meeting and he knew nothing about it. The Visiting Committee was quickly summoned to meet at the orphanage, and provision was made for *Charity and Children* to be continued. The Baptist State Convention in November, 1887, raised sufficient money to purchase a new press, and *Charity and Children* was on its way.

On March 11, 1889, the charter was changed by the General Assembly and the name was changed to the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage. The revised charter specified that there should be a Board of Trustees consisting of eighteen members. The Board was to be self-perpetuating. The Visiting Committee and the Orphanage Association ceased to exist. The Thanksgiving offering and the once-a-month offerings were stressed from the first, but were rather slow to be adopted by the churches. The churches of the city of Durham raised sufficient money to erect the Durham cottage. Every association in the state was attended by some representative of the orphanage, and soon a steady stream of offerings began to come in for the support of the children. Often offerings were taken at the associations. At the end of five years the total value of the plant and machinery was listed

as \$11,555.00. The income for the first year for support of the program was \$5,975.07. The total of salaries for the fifth year was \$3,024.06. There were ten employees and ninety-two children.

As Mr. Mills traveled over the state he was deeply impressed by the needs of the feeble-minded children, the cripples, and those who were in trouble with the law. He was convinced that no child who was mentally, morally, or physically handicapped should be brought into the orphanage for care. In 1890 he attempted to start a home for the feeble-minded. He was joined by President Taylor of Wake Forest, some Davidson professors, some University of North Carolina professors, and many other leading citizens. They were unable to get a capable person to lead the movement, so they had to abandon the project. Immediately Mr. Mills began to lecture and to use his pen freely in *Charity and Children* and other newspapers to advocate that North Carolina should establish a home for the feeble-minded, a reformatory for boys and one for girls, and a T. B. sanatorium. He suggested that the home for the feeble-minded be established on the Caswell farm that had recently been willed to Lenoir County. Then he turned his attention to the Baptists again and pleaded for a Baptist hospital. "Truly he was a prophet ahead of his time."

Mr. Mills was a strong believer in small units as dormitories. Each building where the children lived had its own kitchen, dining room, school-room, and bedrooms. A well-trained teacher lived in each cottage along with the housemother and children. Mr. Mills lived on his own farm about one mile west of the orphanage grounds. He modeled the program somewhat after the one of Muller in England—"Pray much and let the people know your needs." The needs were usually met. In 1890 Mr. Simmons of the Tar River Association started a movement to raise funds for a cottage for small children. The fund soon grew to \$500.00. Then he added \$1,000.00. Soon the Simmons Nursery was completed. By the end of that year the work of child care had grown and now there were nine buildings: a chapel, five cottages, an infirmary, and two other buildings. Three hundred and sixteen more acres had been added to the original tract bought from Mr. Elliott.

Early Routine at Mills Home. They all arose at 5 a.m., had prayers, and then study hall till 6:45. At 7:30 a.m. breakfast was served. Then school in the same building from 8:10 till 12:10. Lunch was served at 12:30—then back to school till 5:00 p.m. in winter. During the summer months, half of the children worked mornings and half attended school. In the afternoons, those who had worked mornings went to school and the other half went to their chores. At 8:00 p.m. they all assembled in the chapel for worship. Religion was the center of life at

the orphanage. The Lee Chapel, given by a lady in memory of her grandson, soon became the center of religious life on the campus. It was used on Sundays and Wednesdays for special guest speakers. It was used every other evening for Mr. Mills' Bible class.

Closing Years of Mr. Mills' Administration, 1891-1895. During the first five years of the orphanage, Mr. Mills had been laying a firm foundation. These last years were spent largely in developing the program and increasing the income of the orphanage so as to provide a continuing support. The income for the year 1895 was \$9,375.75. *Charity and Children* took in \$1,131.50 through subscriptions. *Charity and Children* had many editors during this ten year period. The Baptist State Convention had appointed a committee, headed by Dr. W. L. Poteat, to study *Charity and Children* and report to the general meeting in November, 1895. They reported that the paper should be discontinued. Their resolution carried, but the Convention at that time did not own any of the institutions, so the Trustees of the orphanage voted to continue the paper. Before the year had ended, they had secured Archibald Johnson as editor. Johnson served in this capacity for a period of forty years. Under his able leadership, *Charity and Children* became known as one of the best weeklies in the nation.

One of the last requests of Mr. Mills was that the Trustees ask the state to inspect the orphanage regularly to see that it met all standards of sanitation. This request angered many Baptists, for they wanted the state to have nothing to do with their work. Mr. Mills was insistent for he knew that some institutions of child care were not run in a sanitary manner. In late 1895 Mr. Mills resigned as general manager, retired to his farm, and remained there until the Master called him Home three years later. "He lifted child welfare to a new level in the world," as Dr. Spilman expressed it.

Chapters XIII-XVI

"THE ADMINISTRATION OF J. B. BOONE"

Mr. Boone came to the work well prepared. In 1860 he entered Wake Forest College, but before he had time to finish he had to leave to join the Confederate Army. Later he studied in the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. When he finished the seminary, he located in Charlotte, North Carolina as a State Missionary. Soon he was elected superintendent of the Charlotte school system. Here he organized the first graded school in the state. Later he served several churches as pastor and then moved on to the presidency of Judson College. He remained at Judson College for several years, preaching constantly in connection with his college

work. He and Mr. Mills were good friends and under his influence, M. L. Kesler was converted. He also coached A. T. Robinson and helped him prepare for entrance to Wake Forest College. Mr. Boone came to the orphanage in 1895 and remained as general manager until 1905. (Miss Sallie McCracken, who celebrated her 99th birthday on January 16, 1969, came to work at the orphanage during Mr. Boone's tenure.) These were years of growth in staff, number of children, income, buildings, and in both the school and religious programs. The salaries of housemothers were raised from \$12.50 to \$15.00 per month. Teachers were raised from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per month. Of course all were furnished room and board. During Mr. Boone's administration, his charming wife served as lady principal of the school. She was one of the most popular employees the orphanage has ever had. During Mr. Boone's administration a modern school plant was erected in the center of the campus. Other buildings erected during this administration included a house for the general manager, a print shop, a shoe shop, an industrial building, and a number of barns. But more important than these were the cottages for housing children. They include: the Mother's Building financed by Mr. J. A. Durham of Charlotte in memory of his mother; the Fleming Nursery; the Whitty Building by John C. Whitty of New Bern in memory of his daughter, Rowana; the Aydtlett Building; the Chowan Building; the Durham Building by the city of Durham and the Mount Zion Association. Other buildings erected during this administration were the Central Dining Room, and the Richardson Library by the Reverend J. B. Richardson in memory of his father. Water works were installed at a cost of \$12,373.70. To quote Dr. Spilman, "Boone takes his place among Orphanage workers as a Master Builder." During Mr. Boone's administration the endowment increased from \$2,210.00 to \$102,210.00. The value of the plant increased from \$25,000.00 to more than \$98,000.00 and the number of children increased to 295. This was now the largest Baptist orphanage in America with the exception of Buckner Orphanage of Texas. During this same period, under the able leadership of Mr. Archibald Johnson, *Charity and Children* prospered. The circulation increased to 7,000, and much job-printing was done. "Mr. Johnson was the most widely quoted editor of any weekly paper in North Carolina," according to Dr. Spilman.

The Sunday School was greatly strengthened during Mr. Boone's administration. There had been only one class. Now the school building with the combination auditorium and sanctuary was used for all church programs. There were six Sunday School classes. During this administration the church had many pastors, most of them able men.

The school was now better organized and four teachers taught six grades. The water supply and sanitary systems were finished in 1904. The great expense of these new systems caused a great deal of criticism of Mr. Boone; so in 1905, he declined re-election. The Trustees turned to Dr. Martin Luther Kesler and elected him to succeed Mr. Boone. Dr. Kesler served as general manager longer than any other person has ever served: from 1905 to 1932.

Chapters XVII-XXV

DR. M. L. KESLER'S ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Kesler was born in Iredell County in 1858. He was seven years old when the Civil War ended. He worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He was educated in the Cool Springs Academy and the Moravian Falls School, working his way in the latter. He entered Wake Forest College in 1885 and graduated three years later. Then he entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from which he received his Th.M. degree in 1891. He served churches as pastor in South and North Carolina. He served in many places of honor and distinction: Trustee of Wake Forest College, Trustee of Meredith College and Trustee of the Child Welfare League of America. While in South Carolina he married Miss Ethel Brown of Aiken. She was truly a helpmeet in every sense of the word during his many years of service. Miss Eulalia Turner joined the Mills Home staff in 1899 as lady principal of the school. With their dedicated staff, they continued to build on the foundations laid so well by Mr. Mills and Mr. Boone. During his early years there, electric lights were installed in all buildings, and the Industrial Building was completed. West Chowan Cottage was erected with money raised by the West Chowan Association, and a church sanctuary was built in connection with the school plant. It served as a church sanctuary and a school auditorium until it was razed to erect the present church building. The money to add the sanctuary to the school building was given by Dr. W. S. Little. The Miles Durham Nursery was also built in 1915. By 1910 the number of children had increased to 494, the endowment to \$109,333.00, and the plant value to \$234,625.00. At the beginning of the orphanage work no one dreamed that its value would ever go beyond \$100,000.00. So the charter had to be changed by the Legislature to provide for the Institution to own as much as \$500,000.00. During these years new buildings were erected as needed, and the number of children in care increased. Mr. Kesler abandoned the central dining room in 1918 and went back to the original plan of making each cottage a home with its own dining room.

This added to the cost, but they were trying to do what was best for the child. In 1910 the school added grades up through the 9th. Miss Hattie Edwards was elected as principal. In 1915 the 10th grade was added.

A swimming pool was constructed in 1919 and in 1920 the Administration Building was completed. It was built with money provided by Mrs. Frances I. Barnes and her son, K. M. Barnes, in memory of their late husband and father. The Hutchinson Cottage was erected in 1922. The Kindergarten was financed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Haywood of Durham in 1924. The same year the Downing Cottage was erected by Mr. H. B. Downing of Fayetteville. Although the orphanage did not share in the receipts from the 75 million dollar campaign which closed in 1924, the impetus of this drive spilled over to it, so that the regular offerings increased from \$103,000.00 in 1919 to \$170,000.00 in 1920. This added income made possible some much needed repair on some of the buildings. Other buildings erected about this time were the Greene Building in 1924 and the general manager's new home in 1929 with money provided by Mrs. H. A. Stokes of Winston-Salem in memory of her father, the late Dr. H. A. Brown. During these years *Charity and Children* continued to prosper. In 1924 the circulation was twenty-five thousand copies. In 1928 the charter was again amended and the name of the Children's Homes was changed to "The Mills Home."

In 1920 Dr. Kesler decided that no child should be removed from his mother because of poverty. Hence, he persuaded the Trustees to send to select committees from several churches and on an experimental basis, certain amounts of money to be distributed to worthy mothers who had made application to put their children in the orphanage. This he called "Mother's Aid." This proved so successful that in 1923 he appointed Miss Hattie Edwards to travel over the state and supervise this program. By 1927 the orphanage was serving 84 mothers and 365 children under this program. At the close of this year Miss Edwards reported that she had placed an additional 130 children with relatives who were meeting their needs. This was the beginning of the Social Service Department, which has been a vital part of our work ever since. With the children at Mills Home, Kennedy Home, and under Mother's Aid, we were now serving more than one thousand children.

In 1919 the Board of Trustees made a great step forward by providing the annuity plan for the employees. Here Dr. Spilman makes this pertinent statement: "There is no case in history where the pastor keeps the people informed that some do not respond." That was

true then; it is equally true now. Dr. Spilman goes on to pay fitting tribute to the Trustees and others who have served during the past years.

Space does not permit a repetition of the employees' names here. Only a few can be mentioned. Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner was called in 1925 as the first full-time pastor of the Mills Home Church. This was a new day in the lives of the children and the employees. Dr. Gardner moved to another pastorate in 1929 but he never lost his love for the children's work. In 1929 the Reverend John Arch McMillan was called from Wake Forest College, where he served as alumni secretary and field representative of the College, to the pastorate of the Mills Home Church and Assistant Editor of *Charity and Children*. Mr. McMillan was not only a good writer, but he made a great impression as he traveled over the state seeking news and lecturing on behalf of the orphanage.

Dr. Spilman closes his book with the intriguing story of the founding of Kennedy Home. William Lafayette Kennedy was born near Falling Creek Station, seven miles west of Kinston, on November 18, 1845. In 1856 the family moved to 1,250 acres of fertile farm land where Kennedy Home is now located. Young Kennedy attended school in Kinston. In 1874 he married Emily Hardee. Miss Hardee's mother was a member of the Parrott family of Kinston. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Kennedy was a member of any church, but often attended services at the First Baptist Church of Kinston. They read *Charity and Children* and early became interested in the work at Mills Home. As they grew older and had no children, they began to give much thought to the ultimate disposition of their farm and other valuable holdings. They almost decided to make a will and leave the farm to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. But after careful thought they called Dr. B. W. Spilman, who had married one of their nieces, to come to their home for a visit. After they had talked together for awhile, they stated that they would like to see their dream come true during their lifetime and suggested that a local branch of the orphanage be located on their farm. Dr. Kesler was contacted and he came to Kinston immediately. It was decided that there was great need for an Eastern Branch of the Orphanage and that the Kennedy Farm would be an ideal location. On April 26, 1912, the property was transferred to the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina with the provision that an Eastern Branch of same be located here. The Kennedys reserved the colonial house and fifty acres of land for their use during their lifetime.

In 1911 Mr. Herman Canady, a prosperous merchant of Kinston,

who had married another niece of the Kennedys, was placed on the Orphanage Board of Trustees. No man ever had greater love for the program than he. When advice or financial assistance was needed, he was always ready to respond. In the fall of 1913, Mr. Hartwell Scarborough was elected first superintendent of Kennedy Home. He began the building program. Again Mr. Noah Biggs of Scotland Neck gave money for the first children's cottage just as he had at Mills Home. Simultaneously, Mr. Herman Canady raised money among the citizens of Lenoir County for another building for children. Much of this money was given by Mr. Canady. These buildings were completed in 1914 and the first children were admitted on June 5 of that same year. Dr. B. W. Spilman preached the first sermon delivered at Kennedy Home on August 9, 1914, using the 23rd Psalm as a text. Then on September 15, 1914, a large crowd of people from all areas of Eastern North Carolina gathered for the formal opening of Kennedy Home. Mr. Kennedy presented the farm; Mr. Biggs and Mr. Canady presented the two buildings, and Dr. Kesler, as general manager, gratefully accepted these wonderful gifts. Mr. Scarborough remained with the work for only one year.

The Reverend G. L. Merrell was elected to succeed Mr. Scarborough as superintendent. He began his duties on January 1, 1915, serving for a period of two years. During his administration the Falling Creek Post Office was discontinued, and the address of Kennedy Home was changed to Kinston, North Carolina, Route 3. In 1917 the Board of Trustees voted to erect a chapel for worship on the campus. During these years the number of children cared for was constantly increasing.

In January, 1918, the Reverend Theodore B. Davis assumed the duties of superintendent. He served well until 1924. The chapel that had earlier been started was completed in 1919. He changed the central dining room located in the Biggs Building, and placed a dining room and kitchen in each cottage where children lived. The small tenant houses were moved down near Falling Creek, and the grounds generally beautified. The chapel was used both for church and school. High school students were transferred to Mills Home at Thomasville.

The third cottage at Kennedy Home was erected by Mrs. Kennedy in memory of her father, Mr. Pinkney Hardee. The story in connection with this building is a most unusual one. Each birthday, each wedding anniversary, and on other special occasions, Mr. Kennedy bought his lovely wife a large diamond from a New York jeweler. These were later set in a large brooch (her picture still hangs on the wall of the old dining room with these beautiful diamonds almost sparkling as you

gaze at them). Mrs. Kennedy was proud of these jewels and often wondered what would happen to them after she was gone. Finally she called her husband in for a serious discussion of the matter. Then she revealed that she would like for him to take them back to the jeweler from whom he had purchased them and convert them into cash to erect a building for boys in memory of her father. This was done and the Hardee Building was erected. During the construction of the building, Mrs. Kennedy became seriously ill. She urged the builders to complete the building as soon as possible. Work was started in June, 1917. Her illness gradually grew worse as time passed. She often had the chauffeur drive her up the avenue where she could watch the progress that was being made. In early May, 1918, she asked the builder, "Do you think you will make it?" His reply was, "We will try." So on May 10 the builder came to the Kennedy mansion, handed the keys to Mrs. Kennedy, and informed her that the building was completed in every detail. With a smile she simply said, "Thank you!" That night Mrs. Emily Hardee Kennedy's spirit joined the Heavenly Band, but her work lives on in the lives of hundreds of fine citizens who have been given a chance in life because of her noble gifts. During Mr. Davis's administration much progress was made. A barn and other needed buildings were constructed. Electric lights were installed in the cottages and much improvement was made on the campus. The work continued to prosper and grow.

When Mr. Davis announced his intention to resign and return to his old home in Zebulon to publish a paper, Mr. Raymond H. Hough was selected to succeed him as superintendent of Kennedy Memorial Home. Mr. Hough was serving as president of the Sylva Collegiate Institute, a mountain mission school operated by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mr. Davis left the last of March, 1924, and Mr. Hough moved in and took charge of the program on April 1 of the same year. He remained until June 28, 1928, when he left to become general manager of the Virginia Baptist Orphanage located at Salem. He made a very fine contribution to the work at Kennedy Home and was greatly loved by the children and by the Baptist people throughout the state. One cottage for children was built during his administration and every phase of the work was strengthened.

When Mr. Raymond Hough resigned, the Trustees immediately turned to his younger brother, Mr. Joseph Hough, who was then principal of the Moss Hill School in Lenoir County. He accepted and became superintendent of Kennedy Home on June 10, 1928. He was still serving in this capacity when Dr. Spilman's history of *The*

Mills Home was concluded. Some years earlier, in 1918, Mrs. Jacob T. Parrott had died and left the residue of her estate to Kennedy Home to erect an infirmary, but the will contained a codicil stating that the money should not be used until after the death of her second husband. Then it should be used to build the Moore Infirmary in memory of her first husband, William Croom Moore, from whom she had inherited her property. This building was finished in 1929 and fifteen of the older girls moved into it. Of course sufficient space was provided for the Infirmary. Many other progressive steps were taken by Joseph C. Hough during his administration. Among those that have had a very wholesome impact upon the program are the following: the old barns were torn down and new two-story barns replaced them. These will last for generations. The dairy herd was developed and a good beef herd started. The beef herd was destined to become one of the best in the state. It has played a major part in adjusting many homesick boys. A mill house was built and a hammer mill installed to grind feed for the cattle and hogs. A number of silos were erected. In 1930, after the death of Mr. Kennedy, the Houghs moved into this beautiful colonial home which the Kennedys had occupied during their entire married life. It is one of the most beautiful homes in Eastern North Carolina. Like the superintendents before him, Mr. Hough stressed the religious life of the children. The church at Kennedy Memorial Home was organized by Mr. James A. McDaniels and other neighbors before the first child arrived in 1914. It has been central in the program there ever since. Many able pastors have served and ministered to the children and employees through the years. At the conclusion of Dr. Spilman's history, the Reverend A. J. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, was preaching one Sunday afternoon each month. In addition he came to the Home often for counseling and other services. A well-organized Sunday School was carried on regularly. When some visiting minister was not present on Sunday morning, either Mr. Hough or Dr. Spilman preached. The children were never without regular worship services on Sunday mornings.

I might add a postscript. For many years Dr. Spilman, with no official connection with the Kennedy Home other than being a member of the Board of Trustees, lived on the Kennedy Home campus and preached to the group often. Perhaps he had a greater impact upon the spiritual lives of the children and on the campus in general than any of the pastors who served the church during those early years. He often walked up and down the campus, and was always surrounded by a group of children. He was among the greatest story tellers of his generation, and at Homecomings and other occasions

when groups of the older boys and girls get together, one of their chief topics is this great man. They often repeat certain of his stories and tell what a wholesome influence he had in shaping their lives. Like the Kennedys, he will live on and help to mold the character of boys and girls as long as Kennedy Home remains a childcaring institution.

Chapter II

ADMINISTRATION OF DR. I. G. GREER, 1932-1948

Dr. Isaac G. Greer was born on December 5, 1881, and reared in the Zionville Community of Watauga County, North Carolina. He was the son of Phillip and Mary Greer who, by precept and example, instilled in their young son the basic traits of honesty, trustworthiness, courage, industry, and Christian morals. These high ideals were destined to play a major role in his life in every field of endeavor that he undertook.

As a boy, he worked on their mountain farm with his father and brothers. On this farm they raised cattle, sheep, and hogs, as well as produce and grain crops. Young I. G. learned early in life the value of hard work. This, too, played a vital part in his later life, for his day's work was never ended so long as there was a need to be met. Not only did he work hard in the regular tasks that were assigned to him, but he was one of the most popular speakers of his generation. He never made a speech without spending long hours in preparation. He used to tell this story: "When I was a small boy my father and all the Greer boys were working in the corn field one hot day. Father said, 'Ike, you go to the house and bring a bucket of cold water'." He had to pass by the barn yard and he heard the sheep bell high upon the mountain. He cupped his hands, put them around his mouth, and called as loud as he could for the sheep to come to him. Then he heard the old bellwether start down the hillside. Of course he knew all the others were following. Soon they appeared at the barn and he went on to get the water for those toiling in the field. His father said, "Ike, I thought I heard you calling the sheep." "Oh, yes," I replied, "and they every one came." "Did you feed them?" asked father. "No, I had no feed for them." He said his father took him out into some woodlands nearby, and when he had finished his punishment, he said, "Ike, I have never called them unless I had some feed for them." Dr. Greer thereafter insisted that no minister or public speaker had any right to call a group of people together until he was ready to feed them.

Dr. Greer received his education in the elementary school at Zionville, his high school work at Boone, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1910. Along with

many of the leaders of his generation, he worked his way while at Chapel Hill by serving tables and doing other odd jobs. Later he took graduate work at Columbia University. In 1942 Wake Forest conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.

During all his formative years young Greer was taking considerable interest in folk songs and ballads which were so prevalent in the mountain area where he was reared. These were to play a most important part in the promotion of his future work. He was as noted for his folk songs and ballads as for his speaking. Mrs. Greer played the dulcimer and he sang ballads to the delight of thousands of people throughout the nation and in some European countries.

After completing his education, Dr. Greer returned to his native mountains to work with the young people of that area. He taught in a one-teacher school in his native county for two years. Then he went to the Appalachian State Teacher's College (now Appalachian State University). Here he taught in the History Department for twenty-two years. He was greatly loved and respected by his students and fellow teachers. They loved him not only for what he taught but also for the high principles that he exemplified in his everyday life.

Dr. Greer told me the following story which made a deep impression on him. When he taught his first school, he boarded with a well-to-do farmer and his wife. They gave him a room on the second floor. He began to unpack his suitcase and put his clothes in the dresser drawers. When he pulled out the bottom drawer he discovered a large sum of money. He was naturally greatly excited and went down and reported to the housewife. "Yes," she said, "that is our life savings. We never put any money in the bank, but when we get a little extra, we put it away in that drawer." "But I am a stranger to you, and surely you will not trust a stranger to live in the room where you keep your money." She replied, "I know your parents and I know our school committee. They would never put any one in charge of the school unless they knew he was honest. If you can be trusted with the children of this community, certainly you can be trusted with the money."

While living in Boone, Mr. Greer represented his county for one term in the State Legislature. He also served on the Board of Aldermen of Boone and served as Moderator of the Three-Forks Baptist Association.

In 1928, the Baptist State Convention elected this young mountaineer to the Board of Trustees of Mills Home, as it was then called. Then in 1932, when Dr. M. L. Kesler was killed late one night when he drove his car into the side of a fast-moving freight train in front of the entrance to the Mills Home grounds, the Trustees im-

mediately turned to Dr. Greer to lead this most important program of Baptist work. He accepted the appointment and served from October 1, 1932 until he resigned in 1948. He had now reached retirement age, but he accepted the position of Executive Vice-President of the Business Foundation at the University of North Carolina. He led this program with great distinction until 1954.

In 1916, Dr. Greer was married to the very talented and cultured Miss Willie Spainhour of Morganton. To this couple were born two boys: I. G., Jr., and Joseph. I. G., Jr. is serving with the United States Air Force, and Joseph is administrator of the Children's Hospital in Chicago.

The general superintendent's wife does not necessarily get to know the people over the state as well as her husband does, but she often has greater influence on the children than he. At the Children's Home, the Greers served as a team in helping the children to set high Christian standards for their lives. The following story about Mrs. Greer is told in the January 11, 1934, issue of *Charity and Children*. Just before Christmas a ten year old boy went to Mr. Greer's home with a large possum that he had caught and killed. When he rang the door bell, Mrs. Greer met him and he asked her if she would like to buy the possum. Mrs. Greer, seeing the dead animal with a silly grin on its face, backed away and said that she did not think she wanted to buy it. The boy blushed and went away with a look of disappointment. In a few hours the same boy returned and handed Mrs. Greer a package neatly wrapped with a beautiful bow of ribbon. She opened it and found a package of needles. Now, for the first time, she realized what had taken place. The boy had found someone who had purchased the possum, and he had taken the money and bought her a Christmas present. She managed to thank him, but when Dr. Greer came to the house a bit later, he found Mrs. Greer in tears. This incident made a lasting impression on Mrs. Greer, and not many children came to her to sell something thereafter without making a deal. No one has ever been kinder to the children than she was during her long stay on the campus. This happy marriage was broken by the death of Mrs. Greer in 1959, several years after they moved to Chapel Hill.

In 1963 Dr. Greer was married to Mrs. Hattie O'Briant of Rocky Mount, who had lost her husband in death some years earlier. This marriage proved to be a great blessing. She drove him to numerous places where he continued to lecture until his last illness. After several months of illness, Dr. Greer slipped into the Great Beyond on November 24, 1967. Mrs. Greer says, "During those few short years with Dr. Greer, I met many of the most wonderful people I have

ever known. Truly our life together was happy although the time was very short."

The honors conferred upon Dr. Greer by the leaders of his generation are too numerous to mention in this brief biography. Here I shall mention only three: Appalachian State University has named a building in honor and now in memory of him; and The Children's Homes named the recreation building in his honor. The Children's Home at Chapel Hill is named the Greer Home in his honor. Physically he has gone from us, but his works will represent him for many generations to come.

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When Dr. Greer assumed leadership of the Children's Homes in 1932, our nation was just passing through the great depression. The Homes were in debt and supplies were hard to get. So Dr. Greer started out to put these needs before the people. Fortunately, he inherited and always kept a fine team of workers at the Homes. This enabled him to spend much time among the churches and the people over the state. It is safe to say that Dr. Greer was the greatest money raiser connected with any one of our Baptist institutions at that time. He had a story to tell, and he told it in simple language, always illustrating his lectures with stories about the children. These stories were filled with humor, pathos, and human interest. At one moment, his congregation would be crying, and the next moment they would be convulsed with laughter, but he never failed to get results. He never begged for money. In fact, I have heard him say he never asked anyone for money. He told the people about the needs of the children, and the needs were met.

The size of the problem that faced Dr. Greer when he became general manager in September, 1932 is illustrated in the fact that the Homes had spent \$23,985.07 more than they received in 1931. In 1932 they spent \$32,240.62 more than their income. Dr. Greer had to reduce the salaries of all the workers. He realized that the Homes could not continue to spend more than the income without serious danger to the program. By the close of 1933, he had increased the income from a deficit to a surplus of \$12,430. Only one year during Dr. Greer's long ministry did he spend more than the regular income.

In 1933 the Kennedy Home library building was finished and a great number of books were given by many different people. Dr. Spilman led in this movement. The library was named "The Perry Morgan Library." Several changes in and additions to the building have been made since then. It is now (1970) used as an office building for the Kennedy Home staff.

In the August 1934 issue of *Charity and Children* is a report that Dr. Spilman had finished an apartment to the Moore Building on the Kennedy Home campus. Dr. Spilman lived on the Kennedy Home campus for many years, two of these years in this apartment at the Moore Building. In 1936 Dr. Spilman gave \$14,000 to erect the building that was named in memory of his first wife, "Mozelle Pollock." The Homes added \$2,500 to this sum to complete the cottage. This building was erected to accommodate twelve girls and a housemother as well as a very beautiful apartment into which Dr. Spilman moved. This proved to be one of Dr. Spilman's best investments, for he soon married the housemother, Miss Esther Ward. They had a very happy life together until Dr. Spilman was called to his reward on March 26, 1950.

In 1933 the Board of Trustees added to the responsibilities of the general superintendent by making him Purchasing Agent for the Homes. He was to be assisted by the treasurer and the superintendent of Kennedy Home. At the same time all Endowment funds were put in the hands of the treasurer and the Homes' attorney. This policy was followed for about two years when the Wachovia Bank of Winston-Salem was made fiscal agent for the Homes.

During the year 1934, Dr. Greer, with permission from the Board of Trustees, purchased the Martin Farm near the Mills Home to add to their pasture land. One year later he suggested to the attorney, Mr. Thomas P. Pruitt, that he get the State Legislature to pass a law requiring the Clerk of Court to notify all beneficiaries in a will when it was probated. The law was passed, but is not universally observed. Many wills have been distributed without some of the beneficiaries knowing about it. All the above shows that the work continued to grow under Dr. Greer's new leadership.

At the Board meeting in 1935, the general manager's title was changed to "General Superintendent," and the name of the organization was changed from "Mills Home" to the "Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, Inc." The institution at Thomasville was to retain the name "Mills Home," and the institution in Lenoir County was to be known as "The Kennedy Memorial Home." The Baptist State Convention at its next meeting approved of these changes, and the charter in Raleigh was changed to correspond to the new titles.

In 1935 the Canady Building on the Kennedy Home campus was dedicated. It was named in honor of Mr. Herman Canady of Kinston who had raised the money from Lenoir County citizens. Much of this money he himself gave. Canady Building now houses sixteen boys. In 1936, the Board authorized Dr. Greer to build a brick-veneer building on the Mills Home campus to be used as a voca-

tional building. It was to contain six rooms. Also he was to repair the old Miller Cottage that had been damaged by fire. The Board set aside \$17,500 for these projects.

In 1937 Dr. Greer was authorized to spend \$1,000 to hard-surface the roads on the Mills Home campus. While this amount put only a narrow strip of asphalt from one entrance to the other, it was a start in the right direction.

In 1939 the Administration Building at Mills Home was renovated and more rooms provided for case workers. This was not to cost in excess of \$20,000. In 1943, Mr. C. M. Wall and his brother, C. C. Wall, Sr., erected a dwelling on the Wallburg Farm which had previously been given to Mills Home by their father.

In 1940 the Kennedy Home office building was completed. This was an addition to the Perry Morgan Library. Part of the money had been raised from private sources and the balance of \$10,000 came from undesignated funds. The Huffman Cottage was completed this same year.

In 1942 the Children's Homes purchased the cars of Dr. Greer and Superintendent Hough of Kennedy Home. Gas was rationed and almost impossible to get for a private car. A little later the Homes furnished cars for all who had to do a lot of traveling. This proved beneficial, for it enabled the administration and case workers to keep the work before the people of the state.

On April 16, 1943, at a called meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Mr. J. C. Hough as superintendent of Kennedy Home to join a business firm. The Board approved this action and a committee was appointed to find a successor. At their next meeting on June 15, 1943, W. C. Reed was unanimously elected to this position. At the same meeting Miss Sarah Elmore's title was changed to superintendent of Mills Home. Before this action of the Board, she had been titled "Lady Manager." The Trustees also authorized the superintendent of Kennedy Home to buy lunches for all the children at the LaGrange School cafeteria.

Perhaps during the years 1944-1948 more improvements were made in the Kennedy Home cottages than ever before in a similar period. All buildings were completely renovated and the number of children in a cottage reduced. Bathrooms were installed on the second floor where the children slept. The bedrooms were re-worked, repainted, and refurnished. Curtains and draperies were replaced where necessary. Then all living rooms, dining rooms, and play rooms were refinished and equipped with new furniture throughout. Electric stoves and stainless steel sinks were placed in all kitchens,

and circulating heat was installed in all buildings to replace the old coal stoves that were in the living rooms and kitchens. All woodwork on the outside of the buildings was repainted.

On December 16, 1947, Dr. Greer resigned. One of the last things he did with reference to buildings was to let contracts for freezer-locker plants at Mills Home and Kennedy Home. These have enabled the Homes to keep vegetables, fruits, meats, and other commodities in large quantities.

Dr. Zeno Wall was elected as general superintendent. At the same meeting the Trustees elected Dr. Greer to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Wall on the Board of Trustees and immediately elected him chairman of the Board. Dr. Wall's term was to begin January 1, 1948.

DR. GREER'S CO-WORKERS

I wish it were possible to write a few words about all who have served with the four general superintendents. However, there have been more than a thousand people involved. In this brief history, I can mention only the ones who have supervised the programs of work. In fact, I may not be able to mention all of them, for some with the title of supervisor may have been working under another supervisor, or some may be missed by oversight. Farming, gardening, dairying, and other activities have been placed under the general farm manager. Please keep in mind that all who have worked in this program of child care, whatever the position, have helped some child to gain self esteem and find a wholesome way of life.

DR. P. M. SHERRILL, *Physician*

Dr. Sherrill was one of the prominent physicians in the city of Thomasville. He served the children of Mills Home for eighteen years. He was never too busy, nor the days too rainy, nor the nights too dark, for him to come to Mills Home when he was needed. The only payment he would accept was for the actual expenses of medicine and transportation. He said, "The joy I get from working with this group of children and watching them develop into strong healthy young men and women is payment enough for me." This writer watched him carry a little girl who had rheumatic fever from the automobile up a flight of steps into the infirmary. He strained his back with this exertion and was in bed for several days. (This girl came to the Home with the disease, but she left after high school graduation strong and healthy.) Dr. Sherrill was killed in 1956 on his son's motorcycle as he started to turn around on the new four-

lane highway near Thomasville. He turned into a car and was instantly killed.

DR. O. R. HODGIN, *Dentist*

Dr. Hodgin did the regular dental work for the Mills Home children for many years. An orthodontist in Winston-Salem cared for those who had to have special work. Dr. Hodgin, like Dr. Sherrill, would accept no pay other than cost of material. He, too, loved the children and took delight in ministering to them.

MISS SALLIE McCracken

Miss Sallie was born January 18, 1870, the oldest of ten children. Her father was J. M. L. McCracken and her mother was Sophia M. Penland McCracken. They were a prosperous farm family in Haywood County. Her father served in the Confederate Army. She was taught in the home by her mother until she was eleven years old. Then she entered school at Upper Crabtree in her home county. She was judged to be the best reader in her class, and was soon moved on to a more advanced school in Waynesville. After completing the courses given there, she entered Judson College where J. B. Boone, later to become general manager of the Children's Home, was president. After leaving Judson College she taught two or three years in the public schools of Haywood County. Then she became secretary in the regional office of the Y.M.C.A. in Waynesville.

While in this position she was visited by a former schoolmate, the Reverend W. H. Rich, who had accepted the pastorate at Thomasville. He said to her, "You ought to be at Thomasville with Mr. Boone." She replied, "No, I am not good enough." But Mr. Rich insisted that she should carefully consider this work. In a short while she had a letter from Mr. Boone, offering her work as his Secretary. She decided to try the work, and in 1896 she went to Thomasville. When she arrived it was after dark and she was met at the train station by the treasurer and one of the large boys in a mule cart. She was driven to the home of Mr. Boone and the next morning Mrs. Boone said, "Now, I will show you the Durham Cottage of thirty-two boys where you will be working." Miss Sallie tried to protest and said she had come to write letters and keep books for Mr. Boone, but she was taken to the cottage where she was to be housemother and teacher of thirty-two boys under twelve years of age. She was also to keep books and write letters for Mr. Boone during her spare time.

When the Mothers' Cottage was erected, Mr. Boone wanted Miss

Sallie to take charge there. She agreed to go if he would let her take part of her boys from the Durham Cottage. He agreed, and she moved to this position where the boys were a little older. Later she was moved to the Watson Building which housed the largest boys on the campus. All of this work she did with complete success and pride, but the Junior boys have always been her greatest joy. Until a very few years ago, she taught Junior boys in Sunday School almost continuously since she went to Mills Home. Although she acted as Mr. Boone's secretary through all these years, she hastens to say that there were not many letters to write in those early days.

Miss Sallie served as secretary to Mr. Boone, Dr. Kesler, Dr. Greer, Dr. Wall, and Mr. Reed—all the general superintendents except the first, Mr. Mills, and last, Dr. Wagoner. When she reached her 82nd birthday, she was promoted to research secretary, and thereafter spent most of her time contacting former students, finding out where they were, what they were doing, and all about their general welfare. She continued to go to her office each day until October 1969. Her office was in the building where she lived on the campus.

Miss Sallie was reared in a Christian home and she was from childhood interested in every phase of church work. For many years she sent her Church Mission Gift of \$100.00 per quarter. This was specified as follows: \$21.00 to Japan, \$21.00 to Nigeria, \$21.00 to Alaska, \$21.00 to Hong Kong, and \$16.00 to Fruitland Institute. In addition, she was a very liberal supporter of her local church. She played a great part in getting the Mills Home Church to contribute more to outside causes than to the local program.

Adlai Stevenson of Haywood County wanted to go to Wake Forest College after he finished high school at Mills Home. He discussed the matter with Miss Sallie; so she loaned him the money to go the full four years. When he finished he became a teacher, but was soon drafted into the Army in World War I. Alas, he was one of the four Mills Home boys who did not return. He had made his insurance policy payable to Miss Sallie. She used this money to enrich mankind in various ways: the beautiful communion set at the Mills Home Church was paid for out of this money; some was used to light the steeple on the Mills Home Church; some was used to light the steeple on Wait Chapel on the Wake Forest University campus; the balance was used to place chimes on the tower of the Baptist Church in Sendai, Japan. All citizens of that area pause each evening when the chimes are played. There are no other chimes in the city.



JOHN H. MILLS
Founder & First General Manager
1885-1895



REV. J. B. BOONE
General Manager
1895-1905



DR. M. L. KESLER
General Manager
1905-1932



DR. I. G. GREER
General Manager
1932-1948



DR. ZENO WALL
General Manager
1948-1950



W. C. REED
General Superintendent
1950-1958



DR. W. R. WAGONER
General Superintendent, President
1958-



Mary Presson Yarbrow (seated) was the first girl admitted to the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage on November 11, 1885. She is seen in this photograph with Jacqueline Greer who was admitted to the orphanage in December, 1938.

Miss Sallie celebrated her 99th birthday January 18, 1969. On December 2, 1969, she passed away, but she will live on in the lives of thousands of men and women whom she has influenced for good, and the ones they will influence down through the centuries. Only eternity can show the good she accomplished through her dedicated life and service to youth and others during her stay on earth.

R. D. COVINGTON, *Treasurer*
1929-1947

Mr. Covington, a graduate of Wake Forest College, came to the Homes as treasurer in 1929 from Greensboro. In Greensboro he had been connected with a business firm. He served the Children's Homes as treasurer with distinction until his death in 1947. During these eighteen years he served the Mills Home Church as Sunday School superintendent. Perhaps no more spiritual man has ever served the Homes than he. He was wise, completely honest, a good speaker, loved the children, and in every way set a good example for them to follow. As treasurer for the Children's Homes, he handled the money with as much care as was humanly possible. All of North Carolina Baptists knew it was safe in his hands. He helped Dr. Greer in speaking at associational meetings whenever and wherever needed.

ARCHIBALD JOHNSON, *Editor of Charity and Children*
1895-1934

Mr. Johnson was born and reared in Scotland County. His formal education was limited to the public schools of his native county. He served as a merchant in Laurinburg for seven years and managed the Johnson Home Farm for three years. He returned to Laurinburg as editor of the *Laurinburg Exchange*, but "God had other plans for him."

In September 1895 he accepted the editorship of *Charity and Children*. This was a new day for this magazine. He served in this position with great distinction for forty years. At his death *Charity and Children* had the widest circulation of any religious magazine in the South. Mr. Johnson was a great promoter of education as well as child care, and was one of the best speakers in the state. He was the most widely quoted editor of any magazine or paper of any kind in the entire South, according to Dr. Spilman. He died in 1934 at the age of seventy-five.

At a meeting of Southern Methodist Child Care workers, one

speaker said that the reason the Baptist Homes in North Carolina were leading all other child care agencies was the fact that they had Archibald Johnson to help promote the work.

J. A. McMILLAN, *Editor of Charity and Children*

1934-1948

Mr. McMillan came to Mills Home in 1929 as pastor of Mills Home Church and assistant editor of *Charity and Children*. After the death of Mr. Johnson he was elevated to the editorship of the Children's Home magazine. Mr. McMillan carried on, in a most excellent way, the work that the former editor was doing. He served in this capacity until his death in 1948. This writer has never known a kinder or more gracious man than he. His thoughts were always of others, but more particularly about those in greatest need. He loved every child in our care. You will note that he served for a few years under Dr. Kesler, then throughout Dr. Greer's term of office, and for a few months under Dr. Wall.

Mr. McMillan came to the Children's Homes from Wake Forest College where he had served as alumni secretary and teacher for several years. He was universally loved and respected. His articles in *Charity and Children* did much to inspire the Baptists of the state to give to the support of this work. He was also a good speaker and he spent much time speaking from one end of the state to the other. One of his favorite stories was on "Optimism." "The farmer's wife had placed a crock of milk in the water in her spring house to get it ready to churn. Two frogs came along that night and got the top off the jar of milk. Then as they tried to get to the milk they fell into the jar. Immediately they began to sink. One frog said that they might just as well go on down and die for they could not get out. The other one replied, 'I may die, but I will die a-kickin'.' The next morning when the housewife came for her milk jar, she found one frog sitting on a nice ball of butter croaking in great delight, but the other one was drowned and lying in the bottom of the jar." He did a great work for the Homes, writing and speaking, and living an exemplary life before the children. He also greatly increased the circulation of *Charity and Children*.

C. M. HOWELL, *Foreman of Print Shop*

1915-1950

Mr. Howell, perhaps the most widely known alumnus of his time, came to Mills Home from Northampton County in Eastern North

Carolina when he was eight years of age. He learned the art of printing during the eleven years that he spent there. After leaving Mills Home he followed newspaper work for five years. Then at the age of twenty-four he was called back to Thomasville as foreman of the print shop. Here he served with great distinction for thirty-five years, or until his heart began to show signs of weakening. During his management of the print shop he turned in to the treasurer of the Homes a total of \$153,600.00 in profits. After resigning this position, he wrote the Alumni Column until his death in 1956.

Cy, as he was lovingly called by the alumni, knew by name more boys and girls who had grown up there than any other alumnus. He loved them all; they all loved him. Some of the ones who had worked with him longest and knew his works, have said to me that he trained more boys how to run the press or operate a linotype machine than any other person in the South. Today you can find his "Printer Boys," as he called them, on many of the major newspapers in the Southeast.

Mr. Howell's wife was also reared at Mills Home and they have four children, two boys and two girls. The two boys are located at the Baptist Hospital as famous physicians and the two girls are equally distinguished in their chosen fields of service. These successful grandchildren of Mills Home say, "Part of the courage, character, ambition, and determination which our parents learned at Mills Home rubbed off on us." This nation is a better place to live because Cy and his lovely wife were given a chance to mature into noble characters.

MISS EULALIA TURNER, *Lady Manager*

1899-1938

Miss Turner came to Mills Home as lady manager about four years after Mr. Boone became general manager. She remained here in that capacity until 1938. She served under three general superintendents: Mr. Boone, Dr. Kesler, and Dr. Greer. During her forty years at Mills Home her influence for good has never been surpassed according to those who worked with her and knew her best. She was a sister to Dr. J. Clyde Turner who served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Greensboro for more than 40 years. Certainly no greater child care worker than Miss Eulalia has ever served at Mills Home. Miss Turner was firm and exacting. No child was allowed to do less than his best, and yet they loved and respected her. After retirement she lived with a banker brother in Statesville until a few years ago when God called her to her well-earned reward. Many successful Christian homes exist today because of her unselfish and loving service.

MISS SARAH ELMORE, *Superintendent of Mills Home*
1939-1950

Miss Elmore followed Miss Turner as lady manager, after a Miss Vera Adkins from Georgia had tried the work for a few weeks and found that she could not adjust to this type of service. Miss Elmore was reared at Mars Hill where she was educated in the public schools and Mars Hill College of her native town. From here she went to University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she earned her B.S. degree. Prior to coming to Mills Home she served for eight years as chief dietitian at the School for the Deaf in Morganton. She came to Mills Home in 1939 and was first given the title of lady manager. She was a very cultured and talented young lady, and took up the work where Miss Turner had left off and administered it in a most successful way until she resigned in 1950.

When I was elected as superintendent of Kennedy Home in 1943, Miss Elmore's title was changed to superintendent of Mills Home. Both Dr. Greer and Dr. Wall delegated much authority and responsibility to her, and she did an excellent job in training the host of children who were there during her years of service.

When she resigned from this position in 1950, she accepted work with the State Commission for the Blind. Her special work was to visit the blind people in Western North Carolina and see that their needs were met. In connection with her work she was killed when her car went out of control and ran into a building in the city of Asheville. Her whole life was spent in service to those in great need, and because of this she must have heard the Master say, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the neediest in your state, you have done it unto Me."

MISS HATTIE EDWARDS, *Social Service Director*
1909-1945

When I speak of Miss Hattie, I feel that I am treading on hallowed ground. She was a native of Madison County and was educated in the public schools of her native county, Mars Hill College, and received her A.B. degree from Meredith College. She did graduate work in Columbia University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Duke University. From 1909 till 1919 she was principal of the Mills Home School. She left this position and then went to Kennedy Home as lady manager for two years. She returned to the public schools of the state for a short while. In 1923 Dr. Kesler called her back to Mills Home as director of Social Service. In this position she served with great distinction until her retirement in 1945. When she retired Miss

Edwards moved back to Mars Hill and lived with a sister until her death on October 9, 1965.

Miss Edwards has the distinction of being the first trained social worker in a child caring agency in the South. Dr. Kesler had started Mother's Aid in 1920. (The *Durham Herald* spoke of Mother's Aid as being the brain child of the fertile mind of Dr. Kesler.) Three years later he called Miss Edwards to supervise this phase of the work. She soon had as many as 350 mothers and children receiving financial assistance from the Children's Homes. She was kept busy visiting and ministering to this large number in all sections of the state. She traveled by train, horse and buggy, and on foot. In 1927, after the Baptists had shown the value of Mother's Aid and Dr. Kesler and others had prodded the State Legislature, they approved \$50,000.00 for the same purpose. Two years later they raised this to \$55,000.00 and specified that \$5,000.00 of this should be used for foster homes. Soon thereafter in 1939, the Federal government entered this field, their money to be matched by the states and counties. North Carolina joined with Federal government in 1944. It was called A.D.C. (Aid to Dependent Children). It is now called A.F.D.C. (Aid to Families with Dependent Children). Miss Edwards retired on January 1, 1945. She was truly a leader in aid to dependent children in their own homes, in social work in Homes caring for dependent children and in foster home care. No more dedicated, faithful, loving and gracious person has ever served in any Children's Home, and her work will last as long as time lasts. She was known by her peers as "A Trail Blazer" in social services in children's homes.

C. C. McKOIN, *Farm Manager*

1931-1947

Mr. McKoin came to Mills Home shortly before Dr. Greer was elected as general manager and remained in this position until his death in 1947. He was a graduate of Elon College. It is safe to say that no one ever loved the work more than he. Although he was farm manager, the discipline of the boys was perhaps as much or more his responsibility as it was the responsibility of the superintendent. Naturally when they were on the farm, it was his duty to look after them, but when houseparents had problems with their boys they called upon him to help settle the disputes, and he usually succeeded. This lifted a great burden off the superintendent, particularly since she was a woman.

McKoin was constantly in touch with State College in Raleigh, and played a great part in developing the fine dairy herd at Mills Home

and the beef herd at Kennedy Home. He was in every way a great farmer, a lover of children, and his influence on child care in North Carolina will long be felt. While this writer was at Kennedy Home, he brought his staff to help us in any project when we needed him. He visited us at Kennedy Home often and always spent the night in our home. We looked forward to his visits. He passed away on May 30, 1947, but his influence on Baptist child care will last for generations to come.

THE REVEREND JOSEPH HOUGH, *Superintendent of
Kennedy Home*

1928-1943

Mr. Hough as previously stated was teaching in Lenoir County when his older brother, Dr. Raymond Hough, was called to Virginia to lead the Baptist child care program in that state. The trustees immediately turned to this younger brother, Joseph, to fill the place Raymond had left. As has been true with all general managers the work at Kennedy Home was largely turned over to him. Most of the progress there from 1928-1943 should be credited to him. He successfully led the program at Kennedy Home until 1943, when he left the work to enter a business firm. He soon found, however, that his calling was to work with young people and not with material things. After a short period in business, he reentered public school work and also became pastor of a church.

Mr. Hough sent out some fine boys and girls from Kennedy Home during his stay there. His work will bear fruit on down through many years to come. Mrs. Hough was also a very cultured and refined lady, and her influence on the children will always be seen in the lives of many of the children with whom she worked. Under Mr. Hough's leadership, Kennedy Home was the first child caring agency in North Carolina to send all children to the public schools of the state.

E. W. BROGDEN, *Assistant to the Superintendent of
Kennedy Home*

1921-1949

I am not sure that Mr. Brogden ever was given the title above mentioned, but that is exactly what he was. He served as building and grounds superintendent under both Mr. Raymond Hough and Mr. Joseph Hough. He also served for six years under this writer until he reached the age of 68, which had been set up by the trustees as maximum retirement age. No man ever loved and cared for a group of

children more than he. Many times each day he could be seen walking across the campus surrounded by a group of children. In his later years at the Home he was assigned the task of purchasing food, transporting housemothers and children to and from town; and he had general supervision of buildings and grounds. After he retired in 1956, he lived in Kinston until the time of his death in 1967. He was superintendent of the Sunday School almost all the time he lived at Kennedy Home. Mrs. Brogden helped her husband in his work. She served as supply housemother when needed, and the influence of her wholesome, frank character is still felt in the lives of the children who knew her. She died in October, 1969.

NEW DIRECTIONS UNDER DR. GREER'S ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Greer's administration of the Baptist Children's Homes from 1932 until 1948 was not characterized by any great building program. As I have thought through these years, it seems to me that the best characterization I can find for his work is to be found in Isaiah 54:2: "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." This he did not only in North Carolina but throughout the nation.

Dr. Greer did not think of the program of child care as something that would pass away, but as something that would have to be promoted for centuries to follow. The superintendents before him had built numerous buildings and had brought under care large numbers of children. Hence, he was more concerned about making secure and giving the best care possible to those who were at the Homes then and those who would follow in the years to come. Furthermore, he came to the orphanage during the depth of the great Depression of the early thirties when money was scarce. Then the Second World War occurred and labor and building materials were impossible to secure.

Dr. Greer made other contributions to Baptist Children's Homes work that will last through the centuries. For example, in 1935, the Baptist Children's Homes led the way in the South in joining the Relief and Annuity Plan. Several years before our other denominational agencies had entered such a plan, Dr. Greer worked out a plan with the officials of the Southern Baptist Convention. Now we are a part of the regular retirement plan sponsored by our Convention. During this same year, Dr. Greer got the Board to approve the Smith-Hughes Plan for financing vocational training in the Mills Home school. He presented this plan to the North Carolina State Department of Education and they readily agreed to finance it.

A little later he persuaded the State to pay all teachers at Mills Home just as in other schools. He argued that these children were

just as much entitled to an education provided by the state as any other children. The State, too, agreed, and thereafter the teachers were paid by the State just as other teachers. This of course was a considerable saving to the Children's Homes.

In 1937 a new policy was set up by the Board of Trustees at the general superintendent's suggestion. Provision was made for each housemother to have one day per week off from all duties. She could go where she pleased that day and a substitute would be used to replace her. This was a great relief to those who had previously been on duty seven days every week. At this same meeting it was announced that Duke University would conduct a summer school for workers in Children's Homes. The Board approved sending three from Mills Home and two from Kennedy Home. If they served in one of the Homes for another year the Homes would reimburse them. Otherwise, it would be at their own expense. Duke discontinued this program after one or two years.

During Dr. Greer's administration he greatly decreased Mother's Aid. This program was started by Dr. Kesler, and by his prodding and that of *Charity and Children's* editor, Archibald Johnson and others over the state, the Legislature voted in 1934 to join the National Government in the program of Aid to Dependent Children. Dr. Greer said that the State and National Governments will hereafter care for most of the Mother's Aid Program that we have sponsored so long. But he also said that there would be some who could not qualify for ADC and we would continue the program for a few cases. We still in 1970 care for a few children under this program.

The Duke Endowment graded our program in 1936. We fell below standard because we had from 24-30 children in a cottage. The recommended number then and now is 10-12 in a cottage. At the regular Board meeting in 1938, Dr. Greer and Miss Hattie Edwards suggested that we start a Foster Home Program, so as to better meet the needs of some of our children. The Board unanimously approved. The Baptist Orphanages of North Carolina was among the first child caring agencies in the South to make this venture.

Dr. Greer greatly strengthened the staff during his administration. When he assumed the work in 1932, there was one social worker, Miss Hattie Edwards, and a secretary on the Social Service staff. When he resigned there were nine, including a secretary and a stenographer. In 1939 Mr. Howard Hopkirk, executive director of the Child Welfare League of America, visited Mills Home and evaluated its program of child care. He said there were many buildings in great need of repair, but it was one of the best child care programs in the South.

In one issue of *Charity and Children* in 1933, there appears a statement made by Dr. Greer to his staff that pretty well sums up his philosophy of child care: "The Mills Home is not primarily interested in farming, dairying, gardening, sewing, housekeeping, and the like, as important as they all are. These things are only secondary to the real task of fitting boys and girls to become useful Christian citizens of the state. The child is more important than the farm, the house, the school, or any of the Church organizations. The child does not exist for these things, but these things exist for the child. The child must not be broken to fit an organization, but the organization must be made to work for the best interest of the child." While I am quoting, let me quote another story given in an address to his staff made on the 50th anniversary of the founding of Mills Home. His subject was "Looking Forward." The story reported in *Charity and Children* is as follows: "A General, standing on a mountain peak, surrounded by his faithful followers said, 'Soldiers, we are standing on the Acropolis of Italy. Behind us are a thousand military victories and defeats. Yonder lies Rome. Let's March!' We at Mills Home are at the close of fifty years of victories and temporary defeats. Here four thousand children have found refuge and a chance to make good. There is a temptation to look back and enjoy our victories, and just sit still, but yonder is a broken home, a woman and children, victims of circumstances over which they have no control. Shall we respond to their call? Yes! every impulse in me says, let's march! Where are we going? Straight to the child."

This straight-to-the-child philosophy is the most important legacy of Dr. Greer's administration. It is true that the orphanage did get straightened out financially, and a sound business basis is necessary before any program of Child Care can go forward. When Dr. Greer became general manager in 1932, the endowment was \$492,045.93; the working capital was \$16,572.02. When he left in 1948, the General Endowment Fund was \$732,943.71 and the current fund, or working capital, was \$625,813.51. (This was before the Robert Idol Fund had been received.) In 1932 the total assets were \$1,082,288.85. In 1948 they had grown to \$2,539,194.17. There are other statistics that are perhaps more revealing, however. In 1932 there were 1,005 children under care—691 in the institutions and 314 under Mother's Aid. The average cost per child per month in the institutions was \$20.75. In 1948 there were fewer children under care—771, largely due to the state and federal governments' ADC program, which reduced the number of Mother's Aid recipients to 80. However, with 608 children in the institutions, \$78.32 was being spent per child per month. This is the real achievement of any

administration—improving the service to the individual child. Such progress was not accomplished by one man alone, but by a host of loyal and dedicated people who worked tirelessly to promote this great cause. And back of the endeavor was the host of Baptists and other friends throughout North Carolina who gave so freely because of their great love for homeless children.

Chapter III

ADMINISTRATION OF DR. ZENO WALL, 1948-1950

Dr. Wall was born in Mooresboro, North Carolina. He was educated in the public schools of his native county and attended Mars Hill College for two years. He entered Mississippi College, where he received the B.A. degree. He went on to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky, where he received the Th.M. degree. He was married to Ada Kate Ramsey. She was always loyal and helpful in his work, and is due much credit for his great achievements in life. They had five children. The two daughters, now married, are Mrs. Ollie Harris of Kings Mountain and Mrs. Walter Fanning of Ridgewood, New Jersey. The three sons are Zeno Wall, Jr., of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Woodrow Wall, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Newnan, Georgia; and Yates Wall of Columbia, South Carolina.

Dr. Wall served in several pastorates in Mississippi and Kentucky. One of these was the First Baptist Church of Clinton, Mississippi, where Mississippi College is located. This college conferred upon him the doctor's degree. Later Dr. Wall accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, where he served for several years with great distinction until called to the First Baptist Church of Shelby, where he served for twenty-three years. In Shelby he built up one of the largest churches in the state. His leadership there was recognized far and wide as being unusually fruitful. From 1930-1932 he was interim president, without pay, of Gardner-Webb College.

While at Shelby, Dr. Wall was honored by the Baptists of North Carolina in almost every way that the Convention can honor a man. He served several terms on the General Board, part of the time as chairman. He served two terms as president of the Convention, at the same time serving on many of the Southern Baptist Convention Boards. At the time of his election as general superintendent, he was serving as chairman of the Children's Homes Board of Trustees. He resigned this position to accept the position of general superintendent of the Homes. He had long been considered as one of the strongest pastors in North Carolina. He was always in great demand as a revivalist.

Dr. Wall was sixty-five years old when he became general superintendent of the Homes, and he did not have a very long time to serve and promote the work since the mandatory retirement age for all employees is sixty-eight. He brought to this position the same warmth, compassion, and wit that made his work so meaningful.

Soon after he came to this work, Dr. Wall lost his sight in one eye, and it had to be removed. I visited him and was expressing my sympathy. He quickly replied with a chuckle, "Beloved, it is all right. A person in this position can see more with one eye than he should see." He had told me that there are so many problems in church work that at his age he wanted to get into a position for a few years where there would be fewer difficulties. When I next saw him, he said, "Beloved, I thought there would be no problems at the Children's Homes, but I find there are about ten for every one I had in the church."

After Dr. Wall's retirement from the orphanage in 1950, he returned to Shelby where in 1952 he accepted the pastorate of the Elizabeth Baptist Church. Here he did some of the finest work of his whole career. The church building had burned. He came as interim pastor and remained for five years. Under his leadership a new church was built.

Dr. Wall died in Charlotte on September 12, 1967, at the age of 85. His wife had preceded him in death by about ten years. He received many honors during his long service which were richly deserved, and, to quote the *Biblical Recorder*, "his pastor's heart made him the spiritual giant he was."

DR. WALL'S CO-WORKERS

Dr. Wall had very efficient helpers, most of whom were discussed under Dr. Greer's administration. Mr. McMillan was editor of *Charity and Children* until he died in 1949. His daughter, Miss Louise McMillan, served until a regular editor could be found. J. D. Fraley was elected to succeed R. D. Covington, treasurer, who had died before Dr. Wall assumed his duties there. B. T. Fleetwood, a gentleman whose example was always a safe guide to boys and girls, had been elected to head the Social Service Department. Mr. Fleetwood had seven helpers. Miss Sarah Elmore remained as superintendent of Mills Home; Romulus Skaggs remained as principal of the school, and W. C. Reed remained as superintendent of Kennedy Home. This was almost the same staff that Dr. Greer had at the close of his administration. Farms, buildings and grounds, and all other departments were staffed with capable, dependable, and experienced people.

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS
UNDER DR. WALL'S ADMINISTRATION

Although Dr. Wall served only a little more than two years, several projects were completed during his brief administration. Contracts for the frozen food locker plants at the two Homes had been let before Dr. Greer left, but the construction was done under Dr. Wall's administration. The one at Mills Home was named the Broyhill Locker Plant in honor of the chief donors. A similar but smaller plant was constructed at Kennedy Home by undesignated gifts or wills and named the Brogden Frozen Food Locker Plant in honor of E. W. Brogden. A home for the operator of the Mills Home plant was erected about the time the plant was built.

Another very progressive move was made by Dr. Wall in 1948. After clearing the matter with the Board of Trustees and the Thomasville school officials, all Juniors and Seniors from the Mills Home High School were transferred to the high school up town.

Prior to this time most of the cooking at Mills Home had been done on coal ranges and none of the cottages except the Huffman had circulating heat. Dr. Wall and Miss Elmore, the Mills Home superintendent, installed electric stoves and circulating heat in all cottages but four. By authority of the Board, Dr. Wall purchased for \$1,000.00 a much needed strip of land that joined the campus on the east. This was indeed a bargain and will prevent some unfavorable business from locating there in the future.

While the above projects were being achieved by authority of the Board of Trustees, we were busy at Kennedy Home. Several of those old buildings had been renovated during the past two years. Now the Board appointed a committee to work with us at Kennedy Home to determine our total needs there. This committee was given power to act. Extra help was employed to work with Pearl Howell and Tom Slate to finish renovating every cottage on the campus. Circulating heat was installed, many of the old walls were changed, and the bedrooms were changed to accommodate fewer children. Restrooms and bathrooms were put on the floors where the children sleep. Some were placed on the first floor. In addition, electric stoves and stainless steel sinks were placed in all kitchens. Storage rooms were reworked to meet state standards. Old furniture was replaced in all cottages where needed. The buildings were painted both inside and outside, and new curtains and draperies were made. Mrs. Reed worked closely with the painters and houseparents in selecting paint colors and draperies.

It cost a lot of money, but the time had come when renovation had to be done.

Next, the committee employed a prominent engineer to study the campus and surroundings. He suggested that we begin by lowering the highway enough to form a gradual slope from the center of all cottages to the road. (All cottages at Kennedy Home at that time were about fifty yards back on each side of the main street that runs from the entrance of the campus to the old mansion.) Thus all rainwater would flow from the cottages to the street, then into a drainage ditch that crosses under the street, which empties into Falling Creek about one-half mile east of the campus. Prior to this time, water would often stand for days in front of some of the buildings. The road was then hard surfaced.

A further observation of the engineer was that the water supply was completely inadequate. We were then using artesian wells altogether, but they were rapidly drying up. At the Trustees' suggestion, there was installed a new water system and storm sewers. A deep well was drilled just back of the Kennedy mansion, and a ninety-foot water tank that holds twenty-five thousand gallons was erected. Then a ditch was dug on the east side of the street and a six-inch water main was laid from the water tank to the entrance of the campus. Two-inch lines were run from this main to each of the cottages, and fire hydrants were placed regularly along the main so as to meet all rigid requirements for fire fighting.

After this project was completed, the campus grounds were reseeded and Kennedy Home became a beautiful little town. At about the same time, we were building a new cottage for sixteen small boys, at a cost of \$61,371. The Columbus Association had undertaken to raise enough money to erect a cottage. We combined this fund with money received from the will of Mrs. Florence Cannon of Atlanta, Georgia. It was named Columbus-Cannon for the donors. The old barns at Kennedy Home were repaired and one new one was erected from insurance collected when an old barn was struck by lightning and burned. At the same time a new silo was constructed.

Brokenhurst, a residence that Dr. Spilman had renovated for himself and his new bride, had been vacated. Mr. and Mrs. Brogden moved there, and after Mr. Brogden's retirement, we did some work on it and used it for twelve girls. The number of children in a cottage was now reduced to between twelve and twenty.

The Idol Estate was formally accepted under Dr. Wall's administration in 1948.

In 1949, at the request of M. A. Huggins, secretary and treasurer of the Baptist State Convention, a committee was appointed

to study the possibility of promoting the homes for the aging in connection with the Children's Homes. A committee from the Children's Homes made an unfavorable report. The entire board, with one exception, sustained the committee report.

DR. WALL RESIGNS

On May 2, 1950, Dr. Wall submitted his resignation to become effective on his sixty-eighth birthday. W. C. Reed was elected to succeed him. At the same time, Miss Elmore, superintendent of Mills Home, and Mr. Fraley, treasurer, resigned. Their resignations were accepted at a called meeting on May sixth.

The executive committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee were urged to work closely with the new administration in carrying out the plans and terms for the buildings specified in the Idol wills. This matter will be discussed further under the next administration. At this same meeting of the Board, W. A. Smith and his wife Virginia were called to take charge of Kennedy Home. R. E. Muth was elected treasurer; and Marse Grant, who had been serving as editor of *Charity and Children*, was re-elected. These proved to be excellent replacements and were life-savers to the new administration.

While the total number of children being cared for remained about the same during Dr. Wall's administration, the quality of care was constantly improving. The number of children per cottage was gradually reduced, and the foster home program gained emphasis. Although Dr. Wall's administration was rather short—less than three years—many progressive movements were made and the program was strengthened.

Chapter IV

ADMINISTRATION OF W. C. REED, 1950-1958

(Note: This introduction to the Reed family was written by J. Marse Grant, Editor of the "Biblical Recorder," who served as editor of "Charity and Children" during W. C. Reed's administration.)

Weston C. Reed was born April 24, 1893, to J. P. and Marcella Farmer Reed, the fifth of six children. He was reared on a small mountain farm in Jackson County, about five miles from Sylva in the heart of the Balsam Mountains. The farm produced grain, livestock, and vegetables and the forest yielded cord-wood which was sold to the paperboard plant and bark which was sold to the tannery. With the forest products to supplement the small farm income, the family lived in comparative comfort, but everyone had to work hard.

Mr. Reed's parents were very religious and brought up their children in the church. The elder Mr. Reed was on the board of deacons at the Scott's Creek Baptist Church for more than forty years. Mrs. Reed truly lived her religion—even though she never taught a Sunday School class, led a public prayer, or spoke to a congregation in her lifetime. With such wonderful parents and family, it is not surprising that Weston Reed has served humanity as well as he has. He had the best foundation possible.

Weston Reed attended public school at Scott's Creek. From there he went to Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School (now Western Carolina University), and then on to Wake Forest College where he received the B.A. degree in 1925. Later he did graduate work at George Peabody College and at the University of North Carolina.

While in school at Cullowhee, Mr. Reed came to know a gracious and beautiful young lady, Mellie Parker, who was also attending college there. They both left Cullowhee in 1914 at the end of the same school year to begin their teaching careers. Two years later they were married by their college pastor. From then until now, whatever they have undertaken has been as a team—one of the most admired teams in North Carolina.

Their marriage was blessed with three children. Olin is a prominent attorney in Kinston and active in the political life of North Carolina. He is married to the former Helen McCaslin of Maiden. Marcella, the second child, is married to Dr. T. L. Huguelet, who is with Western

Carolina University. Mary Nell, the youngest child, is married to Charlie C. Mason, who is with the Western Electric Company at Winston-Salem. There are seven grandchildren.

But back to the teaching careers of Mr. and Mrs. Reed. When Mr. Reed became principal of a two-teacher school at \$40 a month for a six-month term, they began a career that was to touch thousands of young people. After teaching in two or three small schools, the couple moved to a larger school at Qualla near the Cherokee Indian reservation. Under their leadership the Qualla and Camp Creek Schools were consolidated. The children from Camp Creek were hauled to Qualla in covered wagons. This is believed to be one of the first consolidated schools in western North Carolina.

In 1925, he became president of the Sylva Collegiate Institute, one of the Mountain Mission Schools sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. These schools were established long before public schools became a reality in North Carolina. After two years at the Institute, Mr. Reed went to Cullowhee where he was principal of the Laboratory School.

From there he went to Sylva, and for seven years he was principal at Sylva High School and supervisor of seven elementary schools in Jackson County. His next position was principal of the Balls Creek Consolidated Schools in Catawba County, at that time one of the largest consolidated rural schools in North Carolina.

After seven years at Balls Creek, he accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Maiden where he served for more than a year. While Mr. Reed was at Maiden, Dr. Zeno Wall and Thomas P. Pruitt of Hickory, representing the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Children's Homes, asked him to consider becoming superintendent of Kennedy Home near Kinston. Joseph Hough, former superintendent, had just left the orphanage to go into business. Mr. and Mrs. Reed were happy at Maiden, the church had made progress, and they were not anxious to leave. However, a trip to Kennedy Home with general superintendent I. G. Greer and *Charity and Children* editor John Arch McMillan convinced them of the importance of the work. The board elected Mr. Reed as Kennedy Home superintendent without a dissenting vote—an unusual occurrence in those days, according to those close to the Homes. It was difficult for the Reeds to leave Maiden Church, but “neither of us has ever had the slightest doubt but that we were following the Master's Will,” Mr. Reed recalls.

Mr. Reed not only has served his denomination, but many civic and service organizations. He has spoken all over North Carolina and in many other Southern states. His denomination honored him by electing him first vice-president of the Baptist State Convention. Later Gover-

nor Sanford appointed him to serve on a committee to study the state welfare program and particularly to make recommendations for minimum standards for Children's Homes. For one year he was president of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists. He also served as chairman of a committee of the Tri-State Orphanage Conference which worked with a committee from the School of Social Work of the University of North Carolina in setting up the In-Service Training Program at Chapel Hill for workers in Homes for Children. This has done more to improve child care in the South than any other program ever undertaken.

Since retirement in 1958, Mr. Reed has been busy. He served two terms as moderator of the Neuse Baptist Association and was interim pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kinston for one year. He has held a number of interim pastorates. Outside of his heavy church duties, he served one term as Governor of Rotary International, District 773, and for the past six years has been chairman of the Public Welfare Board of Lenoir County. He is also a member of the board of directors of the newly formed Association of County Welfare Boards of North Carolina.

Since retirement, Mr. Reed has served as consultant to the Children's Homes. In this capacity, he has attended all board and executive committee meetings and has always helped promote child care work wherever he was. As a vivid illustration of his versatility, he assumed the gigantic task of updating the history of the Baptist Children's Homes since nothing has been written along the historical line since 1932.

If the writer of this introduction might be personal for a moment, it is my opinion that Mr. and Mrs. Weston C. Reed stand tall when there is a roll call of outstanding North Carolinians. The key word of their lives has been "service." It is this unselfish spirit that has made them great in the eyes of those who have been influenced by their example of integrity and dedication. The ten years I was privileged to work with them was the most important decade of my life. I regret that I do not have all of the documented information as to the advances made at the Baptist Children's Homes under his leadership. This I do know: the Homes made great progress in buildings, personnel, but most important of all, in the philosophy of child care that Mr. and Mrs. Reed planted both at Kennedy Home and Mills Home. Long after the buildings constructed under his administration are gone, this basic philosophy will remain. After all, this is the accurate measurement of a man's influence.

—Marse Grant

RENOVATIONS AND BUILDING PROGRAM

On July 1, 1943, we moved to Kennedy Home as superintendent. Dr. Greer pretty much turned the work over to us, for we had served children in one way or another all our professional careers. For the improvements we helped make there see under Dr. Greer's and Dr. Wall's administrations. Anyway, we renovated all the old buildings and put them in liveable condition.

One of the first actions we took when we moved to Mills Home as general superintendent in 1950 was to call the Trustees and the Buildings and Grounds Committee together. Edwin S. Lanier, Mrs. Paul Price Davis, and Mrs. Bess D. Scott came. Together with Paul Edinger, we donned coveralls and went from basement to attic in every cottage at Mills Home. The floors had been covered with tile, but the remainder of the buildings were all in bad repair. The wiring was old and dangerous. Most restrooms were in the basement, and the floors of the restrooms and bathrooms were broken and crumbling cement. The housemothers all had restrooms in their apartments on the first floor. The children slept on the second or top floor and had to go down two flights of stairs to reach a restroom. All closets where the children kept their clothing were out in the halls. Therefore, we planned a very extensive renovation program.

The Child Welfare League had advised that all our cottages except one be replaced with new cottages. This, of course, was not possible, for we did not have money for such an extensive project, so we had to work with what we had. In 1951 the Executive Committee recommended that we replace the Whitty, Biggs, and Mitchell Cottages with new ones. I knew that this would take about all the money we had, and the other cottages and recreational area would have to be left as they were; so I asked them to let Mr. Edinger, whom I had appointed as superintendent of buildings and grounds, employ some extra help and renovate the Biggs Cottage instead of replacing it. They finally agreed. When it was completed, they were called back to investigate it. (It was the worst of the three buildings marked for replacement.) They liked it so well now and were so well pleased with its beauty that they recommended that we do the same with the Whitty and Mitchell Cottages, and as soon as possible renovate all cottages on the campus. This was done at a tremendous savings. Also, it made it possible for us to develop a recreational system including an excellent gymnasium, playground, equipment, and a swimming pool.

A number of bathrooms were added and individual closets were built in all bedrooms. New beds, springs, and mattresses were fur-

nished each child where needed, and all rooms were equipped with dressers, chests, and mirrors. Curtains and drapes were placed on all windows, and all rooms and halls were painted or papered in a variety of colors. We reduced the number of children in a room; until now no room had more than four occupants. No building had more than twenty children. Most of the cottages had previously housed twenty-four.

The kitchens, dining rooms, and living rooms were all papered or painted and all were furnished with modern equipment. Mrs. Reed had much to do with the painting, papering and selection of draperies. Kitchen sinks of stainless steel were installed, and the cottages not already supplied with circulating heat or electric stoves for cooking were now furnished with these items. Of course all buildings were rewired and fire alarms installed. Several of the buildings had to have new roofing. All outside woodwork was repainted. The trustees were well pleased, and the executive director from the Child Welfare League, whom we asked to return and study our program again, could hardly believe what he saw. I quote a brief statement from his letter: "I was very impressed with the imagination used in remodeling many of the cottages; they are most attractive. The agency is to be commended upon reducing the number of children per cottage. Greer Center and the planning in regard to the swimming pool and outdoor recreation unquestionably have made a tremendous contribution to the happiness of the children, providing not only recreation, but healthful association between girls and boys as well. The continuance of decentralized dining at Kennedy Home made possible by very attractive combination kitchen-dining rooms has many advantages. The new church at Mills Home, outstanding in its beauty and dignity, would grace any community." These buildings are still in use after a period of twenty-five years, and several of them are still in excellent condition.

Now to the buildings specified in the Idol will. Robert Idol specified a church building in memory of his mother; an infirmary in memory of his sister, who was a nurse; and a vocational building of some sort, if they wished to name one for him. Then he suggested that enough money be set aside to keep these buildings in good repair so that they would never be a burden on the Baptists of the state. (See Chapter on Wills and Bequests.)

After all these specified buildings were planned, we still had sufficient money left to build the I. G. Greer recreational building and develop a playground adequate to serve our children for many years to come, or we thought we did. Mr. Stinson, architect of Winston-Salem, was employed to draw plans for the buildings. He called Dr.

Harold D. Myers, head of recreation at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Dr. Ralph Andrews, recreational director of the State. They gave expert advice on the recreational building and swimming pool and general recreational area. They were most helpful and we Baptists owe them a great debt of gratitude.

In July, 1951, contracts were let for the three buildings definitely specified in the Idol wills, but bids went higher than we expected and there was not enough money left to build and equip the gymnasium. Some of Mr. Idol's assets were in Reynolds Foil, and it kept going up. We instructed the bank that when the stock had reached a certain amount to let us know and we would draw it out and build the recreational building. The church building was to cost \$232,500, the infirmary \$76,500, the print shop \$83,677; plumbing and heating for all three buildings would be \$75,000, and the electrical work \$35,484. This made a total of \$503,161 to be spent on these three buildings in addition to their furnishings. Just before the December Trustees' meeting the bank called and said that Reynolds Foil had gone up again, and they thought it was sufficient to build the recreational building. When the Trustees met in December, they authorized the administration to proceed with the recreational plans.

Other improvements were undertaken. An eighteen-inch tile pipe was placed just under the surface of the grounds from near the railroad, down through the valley for about one-half mile and emptied into a ditch just below the old print shop. Smaller tiles were placed criss-crossing the valley and leading to the large tile. Now no water or mud stands there. A fenced skating rink was constructed on the hillside joining the valley. This area is used for skating, tennis, volleyball, and other games. Swings, merry-go-rounds, slides, and other play equipment were placed on both hillsides. At the same time the contract for the recreational building was let for a total of \$191,230. This did not leave us with money for the swimming pool, and we knew no recreational program was worthy of the name unless it contained a good swimming pool. So the Trustees began to try to find just what could be left off the recreational building. Ed Broyhill, one of our Trustees at that time, took no part in the discussion. He just listened. Then he said, "Gentlemen, the best authorities in the field of recreation worked with an outstanding architect, and this is the plan they worked out. I, therefore, Mr. Chairman, move that we build this just as specified on these plans, and I will be responsible for the swimming pool." He put almost \$50,000 into the pool. The recreational area was named in honor of Dr. Greer, and the swimming pool in honor of Mr. Broyhill. This gave Mills Home excellent recreational facilities. This is just another demonstration of love for the homeless child.

Since the late Dr. Little had made possible the old church and school auditorium, it seemed only fitting that we build a new cottage in his memory. So we built the Little Cottage for twelve girls. The old school plant was torn down to be replaced by the beautiful church that stands there now. All the above facilities were dedicated on March 5, 1955.

Mrs. Bess Durham Scott, a member of the Myers Park Baptist Church of Charlotte, became vitally interested in the work of the Children's Homes while she was quite a young girl. Her father, J. A. Durham, was for many years a member of the Board of Trustees of the Homes. He built one of the cottages at the Mills Home, but that was before the period covered by this part of the Children's Homes history. Mrs. Scott started a fund to do something in her father's memory. When the new church building was completed, she announced that she would add to this fund a sufficient amount to buy a pipe organ. This she gave as a memorial to her father and mother, and now the Mills Home choir sings to the wonderful tones of this organ at each church service. The speaker system for the church was a present from the Alumni Association. Cy Harrington, a prominent alumnus of Mills Home, gave the pulpit and foyer furniture. Miss Sallie McCracken gave the lights for the steeple. Robert McIntyre, a long time member of the Board of Trustees, gave the chimes.

Our next pressing problem was proper lighting for the campus. There were a few small electric lights scattered here and there on the buildings, but one could not cross the campus at night without going most of the way in the dark. An electrical engineer was employed to study the situation, and he suggested that we should first widen the streets and put in curbing and guttering. We contracted for the curbing and guttering and to have asphalt poured from one gutter to the other. Lights similar to those in a city were placed along the streets. The play area in the valley was lighted so that the children could play ball, swim, and skate at night. These activities help to keep the children contented, especially during the summer evenings. Mills Home today can hardly be distinguished from a small town as you drive through the grounds.

Meanwhile, things were not being neglected at Kennedy Home. Under the capable leadership of W. A. Smith, superintendent, the building program went forward there also. In 1954, the beautiful new church building at Kennedy Home was finished. It was named the Parker Building in memory of the donors. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones of Kinston gave the chimes.

In 1956, the Paddock Pool Company was awarded the contract to build a beautiful new swimming pool at Kennedy Home. At the

same time, Roy Poole of Kinston contracted to build the parsonage at Kennedy Home. These facilities were dedicated on May 7, 1956.

During this same year, the Trustees authorized the building of another cottage for children at Kennedy Home. Coleman and Associates of Kinston were selected as architects and Kirby Hawkins of Kinston was low bidder. It was named the Bunker Cottage because the money came to the orphanage from the Bunker family. Just a little later, the Ferebee Cottage was built. (See Chapter VII on Wills, Bequests, and Buildings.) After this cottage was finished, there were not more than eighteen children in any cottage at either home, with twelve to sixteen being the usual quota.

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The building program played a rather large part in this administration partly because of the major renovations that had to be done, and partly because of the Idol will. However, while the building was going on, other important events were happening.

As soon as the Federal Government decided in 1951 that people in religious institutions were eligible for Social Security coverage, I polled the Trustees by mail. They gave unanimous consent; so we immediately entered. Needless to say, all employees were pleased.

In 1953 a committee was appointed by the Children's Homes Board to work with a similar committee from the committee of nineteen that had previously been appointed by the Baptist State Convention to work out plans for the Children's Homes to be brought into the Co-operative Program for part of its support. This committee of nineteen had made its report which had been published both in the *Biblical Recorder* and the *Charity and Children*. As our Trustees studied this advanced report, both they and the administration came to the conclusion that at best under their recommendations the Homes would lose a total of \$100,000 to \$150,000 each year for several years, and we could not possibly promote a progressive program under these conditions.

We tried in every way possible to get the committee of nineteen to call another meeting and let some representatives of our Children's Homes Board meet with them and try to work out a satisfactory arrangement, but to no avail. With the Trustees' approval I spoke against the published report as I attended the associational meetings over the state. We found the people overwhelmingly against this report, so finally this committee of nineteen appointed a committee to meet with a similar committee from the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes and the general superintendent. We soon arrived at a general agreement that would hurt none of our Baptist programs,

and the Homes would enter the Cooperative Program for "that part of its support not otherwise provided for." They guaranteed us that our income would not be reduced; so for the first time in the history of our work we received a small part of our income through the Cooperative Program in 1955. This year, 1970, we received more than one-third of our support through this channel.

In 1953, Dr. Greer and I contacted Marshall Pickens of the Duke Endowment with reference to helping with the support of the full or half orphans in our foster homes just as they did those in the institutions. It appealed to Mr. Pickens as something they should do, and when it was placed before their full board it was unanimously approved. This increased considerably our support from the Duke Endowment for we had several children in our foster homes who had one or both parents dead. The will of the late James B. Duke specified that a small portion of the income from his endowment be used to enrich the programs for full or half orphans in Children's Homes in North and South Carolina. In 1957 the orphanage fiscal year was changed from the calendar year to a year beginning October 1 and ending September 30 in conformity with the Duke Endowment fiscal year.

During this same year, 1953, at the suggestion of Cloyd Philpott, a committee from our Board was set up to work with the administration in setting up a realistic budget for the operation of our work. The budget was adopted for 1954 and was the first realistic budget ever worked out and adopted for financing this program. At the same meeting another farsighted step was taken. It was decided to sell all raw milk and buy back pasteurized milk for our children. At that time we had dairies both at Mills Home and Kennedy Home. Also the Trustees voted to open the Mills Home Church and the Kennedy Home Church to others than those who lived on the campuses or worked for the Homes, but very few have joined.

At the Children's Homes Board Meeting in 1956, the name of the organization was changed from the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina, Inc., to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. This was approved by the Baptist State Convention at its next meeting and the constitution and charter were changed to comply with its new name.

In 1957 the Board voted to produce all milk at Mills Home and all pork and beef at Kennedy Home. Of course, we continued to sell all raw milk and buy pasteurized milk for the Homes. This procedure worked well for several years, or until the old dairy barn at Mills Home was condemned. At this same meeting, the Board voted to place all insurance with the Mutual Insurance Company of Harrisburg,

Pennsylvania. This was at a considerable saving. Cloyd Philpott made the suggestion.

At the May 1958 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes, W. C. Reed announced his decision to retire on June thirtieth of that same year. A committee was appointed to find a successor. After careful study of many applicants, they recommended Dr. W. R. Wagoner, not an applicant. He was then serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. The Board at a called meeting unanimously and enthusiastically approved the committee's report and elected Dr. Wagoner. Now, twelve years later, he is recognized as one of the leading child care executives in the nation.

REED'S CO-WORKERS

As previously said, it is not possible to say something about each person who helped to promote the Children's Homes work. There are too many in the list, but each person who served there had a part in the development of the children.

Many of the Greer and Wall associates continued to serve under my administration. Those persons who came in supervisory positions during my administration are discussed here.

J. MARSE GRANT, *Editor of Charity and Children*

1950-1959

Marse Grant was employed as editor of *Charity and Children* just about eight months before I went there as general superintendent and remained until after I left in 1958. Marse was born in High Point, North Carolina, on September 13, 1920. He is the second oldest child of the late L. L. Grant and Mrs. Elsie Warren Grant. He attended public school in High Point and then earned his A.B. degree in 1941 at High Point College.

One year after graduation Mr. Grant was married to the talented and gracious Miss Marian Gibbs, who has played a major part in his continuing development in his chosen field of journalism. God has blessed their home with three lovely daughters, Susan, Marcia and Carol Ann.

Mr. Grant began his newspaper work on the *Lincolnton News*. After a short time at Lincolnton, he moved on to the *Morganton News Herald*, and remained in this position until he came to the Homes. When the beloved editor, John Arch McMillan, died in 1948, the Children's Board of Trustees appointed a committee to find a replacement. They searched far and wide. Finally in 1949 they heard of this

promising young editor in Morganton. Every report they received was good, and then with one accord they offered him the editorship of *Charity and Children*. This magazine was then, and still is, in great measure, the lifeline of our promotion of child care.

When Grant became editor in 1949, we soon realized that we had a man of real ability and talent in that position. At that time there were 36,000 copies of the magazine going out each week. When he left this had increased to 52,000 copies. This was done in a period of ten years, and now the circulation was far more than it had ever been before. Mr. Grant left the Children's Homes magazine to become editor of the Baptist state paper, the *Biblical Recorder*. Steadily it has grown under his editorship and is perhaps quoted as often as any religious journal of the South.

Mr. Grant easily takes his place among the greatest editors *Charity and Children* has ever had in the field of journalism and child care promotion. In my opinion, after nine years of closest association with him, not one has done a greater job in promoting the program of child care than he. He changed the format of the magazine and used many pictures that told the story of the work and the development of the children.

But the editorship of *Charity and Children* was only a part of the contribution of the Grants. Their home was a model Christian home. Many of the older girls whose cottage was near the Grant home left Mills Home more mature and more dedicated than otherwise would have been possible. Their home was open to these girls at any time, and their advice was as free as the air they breathed.

Then again Marse is a good speaker and he traveled from one end of the state to the other, speaking and telling the story of the Children's Homes and the work it was doing. This greatly relieved the general administrator, especially when the associations were meeting all over the state.

May I close this short biography by saying that Marse Grant is doing an excellent job as editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, and every Baptist in the State of North Carolina should be proud of him, and every Baptist church should see that this magazine reaches every Baptist home represented in its membership.

C. A. KEARNS, *Superintendent Mills Home*

1951-1959

Mr. Kearns, a native of High Point, is a graduate of Furman University and has followed teaching and coaching most of his adult

life. He served for several years as teacher and coach at Mills Home while Dr. Greer was general superintendent. Under his coaching Mills Home reached its highest peak in athletics, and many of the boys whom he coached went on to college and now hold high positions in educational institutions. A number of people have told me that they attribute a great deal of their success to the training and discipline they got playing on his teams. On one occasion the Mills Home football team gave the Lexington High School team a good thrashing. One of the fathers of a Lexington player was teasing his boy about letting Mills Home beat them so badly. The boy thought for a moment and then said, "Dad, those boys at Mills Home don't have any mothers or fathers, and they don't care if they do get killed."

As has been previously said, Miss Sarah Elmore resigned as superintendent of Mills Home when Dr. Wall resigned as general superintendent. We immediately contacted Mr. Kearns who held a position as teacher and coach in one of the Burlington schools. He accepted the position as superintendent of Mills Home and recreational director. A little later we saw that the task was too much for any one man, so we employed a helper especially to work with the smaller children.

Mr. Kearns is one of the most tireless workers I know. He gave every ounce of his strength to serving the boys and girls and house-parents who lived there, and they loved him for it. He was rather strict with the children, and they knew that he meant what he said. He was always cooperative with the general superintendent, housemothers and other employees. There are often very difficult decisions to be made in a Children's Home, and it is hard to know just what course to take. Sometimes a decision concerning the type of discipline, or some other matter, has to be made by a committee. If the other members fail to reach an agreement, then the responsibility falls on the general superintendent to make the decision and then take the responsibility for it. In each case that came up while I was there, if I had to rule against Mr. Kearns, he then backed me one hundred per cent. No one can ask for greater loyalty than that.

Mrs. Polly Kearns never accepted employment, but she was willing to help at any place where she was needed. There was always a need for someone to accompany the children to ball games, on educational tours, and to the many other events they attend from time to time. In her unassuming manner she made a memorable contribution to the child care program.

Mr. Kearns resigned his position at Mills Home in 1959 to accept work in the Thomasville City Schools where he still works with young people.

MISS LUCILE REED, *Secretary*

1944-1959

Miss Lucile Reed is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Reed of Sylva. T. E. Reed, who passed away a few years ago, was the oldest brother of this author. Lucile was educated in the public schools of Sylva and at Western Carolina College (now Western Carolina University at Cullowhee) where she majored in business education. After her graduation she taught in Sedge Garden School near Winston-Salem for one year.

In 1944 she accepted the position as secretary and bookkeeper at Kennedy Home. Efficient as she was in this position, her greatest value was not in the superintendent's office.

During the eight years that she was there she served as the Training Union and choir director. For many Sundays in succession not a single child would be absent from Training Union although they were not required to attend. She supervised excellent young people's choirs, quartets, and sextets which involved most of the children on the campus.

In November 1950, Lucile joined the Mills Home Staff to replace Mrs. B. T. Fleetwood as dean of girls. Mrs. Fleetwood resigned after her husband was called back into the military service. Then when Miss Sallie McCracken was promoted from secretary to a higher position after she had reached her 82nd birthday, Miss Reed was transferred to this position. She filled the position as secretary to the general superintendent with credit to herself and to the Children's Homes. But here again her far-reaching influence on the children and employees alike was through the church. She was director of the choir and of the Training Union for the ten years that she remained at Mills Home.

She made a lasting impression on child care both at Kennedy Home and Mills Home.

MRS. LOUISE L. BLAKE, *Director of Social Service*

1944-1949; 1951-1960

Before retiring, during Dr. Greer's administration, Miss Hattie Edwards employed Mrs. Louise Blake of Wilmington as her assistant in 1944. When Miss Edwards retired in 1945, Mrs. Blake was immediately advanced to the position of director of this department. She remained in this position until 1948 when she accepted a position with the Public Welfare Department of the State of North Carolina.

In addition to her college degree, Mrs. Blake had done further study in the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. So in 1951, we offered her the position she had left at the Children's Homes with plans to greatly expand this department, and she accepted and remained with the Homes until she retired in 1960. Immediately after returning to the Homes, she began the search for well-trained case workers. When she first went to the Homes she and Miss Edwards, with a very capable stenographer and secretary, Miss Mabel Bean, composed the social service staff. When she left in 1960, she had built the staff up to a total of sixteen. Eleven of these were located at Mills Home, four at Kennedy Home, and one in a casework center in Asheville, North Carolina.

During this administration we had through the Social Service Department increased the number of foster home children from sixty-eight to one hundred ninety-seven. At the same time we had decreased the number of Mother's Aid cases from ninety-four to forty.

Mrs. Blake and her husband now live in retirement in Wilmington. Her influence at the Children's Homes will be felt for many years to come. Miss Edwards was the first trained social worker in a Children's Home in the state and Mrs. Blake was the first one to build up anything like an adequate social service staff in a Children's Home in the state.

R. E. MUTH, *Treasurer*

1950-1961

Mr. Muth was reared in Hampton, Virginia. He came to the University of North Carolina for his training in accounting. After graduation he went to Newport News and worked for a short time. While he was at Chapel Hill he and Miss Frances Bandy of Lincoln, who was majoring in social service, began their courtship. Soon thereafter, they were married. When she left the University she accepted work at Kennedy Home as director of Social Service for the eastern branch of the Children's Homes. When Mr. Fraley resigned as treasurer in 1950, the position was offered to Mr. Muth. He accepted and served with distinction until 1961 when he resigned to accept a position in the accounting department of the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Muth was a caseworker and at times acting director of the Social Service Department. She was also director of the case work center at Chapel Hill for a period of time.

The Muths made a splendid contribution to the work of child care in the Baptist Children's Homes. There was always an open door to their

home and to their hearts for the children who went seeking help and understanding. They shared both in their joys and sorrows. Their friendship gave the children comfort and security.

CLYDE MORRIS, Purchasing Agent

1952-

Clyde Morris came to the Homes in 1952 as purchasing agent for the entire organization. Previously, he was a business man in Lincolnton. When I came to the general superintendency, I served as purchasing agent by previous action of the Board, as did Dr. Greer and Dr. Wall. We were assisted by the treasurer and the superintendent at Kennedy Home. While I was at Kennedy Home, I delegated the purchasing of clothing to Mrs. Reed.

When we were transferred to Mills Home, Mrs. Reed, with the help of the houseparents, took the girls to town and saw that they were properly fitted with clothing. This she did because of love, for she never requested or received any pay for her service, even though it was a full-time job. All other buying I turned over to Mr. Morris and a great burden was lifted off the treasurer and me. Soon after I left the general superintendency, the new administration employed Mrs. Clyde Morris to work with her husband as his assistant. They are doing a magnificent job. Mrs. Morris is a woman of excellent taste, and the girls in the Children's Homes are always dressed just as well as the other children.

The Morrisises are making a worthy contribution to the Homes in other areas as well as in purchasing. Their home is a good example of what a Christian home should be, and nothing is more important in the development of children than to be privileged to see stable homes where there is harmony and peace.

PAUL EDINGER, Superintendent Buildings and Grounds

1932-1967

Paul Edinger is the son of the late Mack Edinger, who went to work at Mills Home early in life and remained there about fifty years. Mr. Mack helped to clear the grounds for the first cottage ever built there. Later he became the foreman of all carpentering. He died in 1935. Mr. Paul went to work on the Mills Home farm early in life. Later he served as farm foreman for many years. I appointed Mr. Paul superintendent of buildings and grounds. He was greatly pleased with this position and filled it with credit to himself and the Home. He was relieved of all farm responsibilities except to supervise the me-

chanic who kept the farm machinery in good condition.

Mr. Paul was as faithful to his tasks as any man I have ever known. As I have said in a former chapter, he is responsible in large measure for the renovation of the old buildings and putting them in excellent condition and developing the grounds and play area. At no other period in the history of the Children's Homes has so much improvement been made to the buildings and grounds at Mills Home.

Mr. Edinger was not only noted for his work with the facilities of the Home, but he was one of the best loved men on the staff, loved and respected by children and staff alike. He was an outstanding church leader. Most of the time he served as chairman of the Deacons, and for many years as Sunday School superintendent. If he was not serving as Sunday School superintendent, he was teaching a class of boys. It is doubtful whether any person in the long history of the Children's Homes has done more real service for the children.

Mr. Paul was married to the talented Miss Essie Byerly. To this union were born three girls. Lois has earned her doctor's degree and is a teacher at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Frances is married to Dr. Ted Chandler, a Mills Home boy and an outstanding doctor in the city of Hickory; Earlene is living at home with her parents. Mrs. Edinger has served in a supervisory position in the laundry and sewing room and still works there part-time. Mr. Paul retired in 1967. He still lives in his home near Thomasville and keeps busy by doing part-time repair work. The services of the Edingers is best expressed in John 15:13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Paul's entire life has been spent in service to the homeless children.

VAN RICHARDSON, *Farm Superintendent*

1932-1963

Mr. Richardson is written up under my administration because he was not in a policy-making position under any of the former administrators and remained only a short time under the present one. He was born and reared on a farm in Craven County not far from New Bern, North Carolina. Like all members of his family he learned the value of hard work and complete honesty. He was educated in the public schools of his home county and attended State College in Raleigh where he earned the B.S. degree in agriculture. He is married to Miss Willie Mae Myers of Thomasville. They have two fine children, a boy and a girl—Waldron, a college graduate who is now in the U. S. military service, and Julia Lee who is married and teaching art in Maryland.

When Van joined the Mills Home staff he was soon made foreman of the Mills Home farms. He served here until 1944 when he joined the Kennedy Home staff as supervisor of truck farming. He remained in this position until January 1951 when he returned to Mills Home as superintendent of all the Children's Homes farming. During his long stay at the Homes, Mr. Richardson worked as hard as any man under his supervision. He required all who worked under him, both employees and children, to do each job well.

During Mr. Richardson's later years at Mills Home after the children were transferred to the uptown schools he served as a member of the Thomasville City School Board, and proved of great value to the city schools as well as to the Homes. He was completely dependable and this writer has never been privileged to work with a more cooperative person.

When Mr. Richardson resigned from the superintendency of the Homes' farms, he entered the real estate business.

During Mr. Richardson's many years at the Homes, his wife, Mrs. Willie Mae Richardson, usually worked, sometimes as a housemother but more often as a supervisor of the girls' sewing room. She is now serving in this department. The Richardson family was completely dedicated to the church and all its organizations. They each taught a Sunday School class. Their contribution to each of the Homes will last for many years to come.

W. A. SMITH, *Superintendent of Kennedy Home*
MRS. W. A. SMITH, *Assistant to the Superintendent*

1950-1967

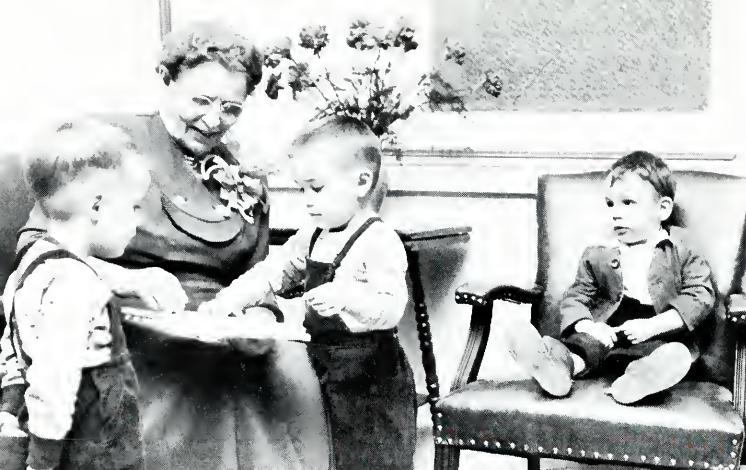
This couple worked so closely together that it is hardly possible to think of one without the other. W. A. was a native of South Carolina, but spent the greater part of his adult life in North Carolina. His wife, Virginia, was reared near Salisbury. They both grew up on the farm and early learned the value of work. W. A. was educated in the public schools of his state and graduated from Furman University. Mrs. Smith, after finishing high school, graduated from a school of nursing. Now she is highly skilled in her profession.

After some years in agriculture, Mr. Smith accepted a position at South Mountain Institute as assistant superintendent. This is a boarding school and the children are about the same age as the ones he would be dealing with at Kennedy Home. So his experience there was of great value to him as he faced the challenge at Kennedy Home. While he was at South Mountain, he and Virginia were married and soon moved to Watauga County. Here he worked with the Federal



DR. B. W. SPILMAN
General Field Secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board
Children's Homes Trustee
1916-1941

Author of: *The Mills Home: A History of the Baptist Orphanage Movement in North Carolina*



MISS SALLIE MCCrackEN
with (left to right) JOHN
TERRELL, CARL LARSON, and
JOEL MORRIS.

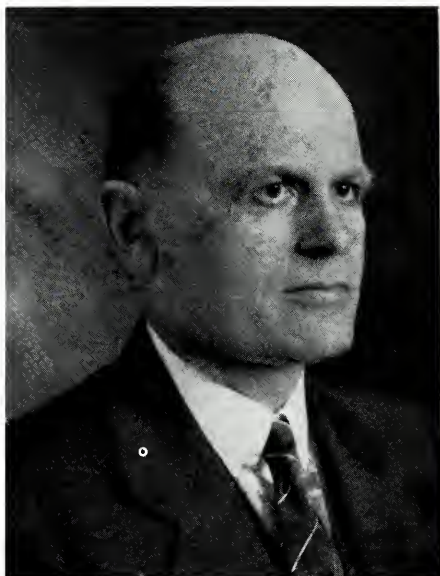


Early Thomasville Baptist Orphanage staff members included (seated, left to right) DR. M. L. KESLER, general manager; ARCHIBALD JOHNSON editor, *Charity and Children* and F. B. HAMRICK, treasurer. The ladies included (left to right) MISS SALLIE MCCrackEN, office secretary; MISS EULALIA TURNER, lady manager and MISS HATTIE EDWARDS, director of Social Service.

MISS EULALIA TURNER
Lady Manager, Mills Home
1899-1938



R. D. COVINGTON
Treasurer
1929-1947



J. D. FRALEY
Treasurer
1947-1950



RIMAN E. MUTH
Treasurer
1950-1961



Three former superintendents of Baptist Children's Homes campuses included (left to right) W. A. Smith, Kennedy Home, 1950-1968; Vernon S. Sparrow, Mills Home, 1959-1969; and Chesley Hammond, Odum Home, 1961-1968.

JOHN ARCH McMILLAN
Editor
1934-1948



J. MARSE GRANT
Editor
1950-1959

ORVILLE SCOTT
Editor
1965-1968



JOHN ROBERTS
Editor
1960-1965

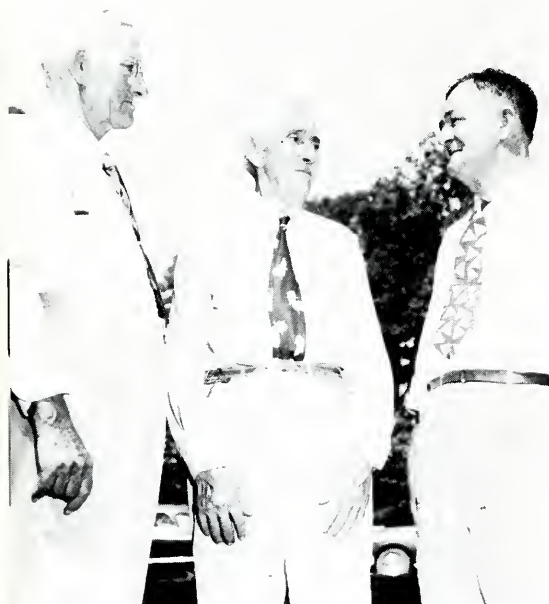
J. EUGENE WHITE
Editor
1969-





DR. E. NORFLEET GARDNER
Pastor, Mills Home Baptist
Church
1925-1929
Interim Editor
1960, 1965

C. M. "Cy" HOWELL (right), Print Shop
foreman from 1933 until 1945, and two
"old timers" talked things over during
homecoming at Mills Home.



C. J. MORRIS
Purchasing Agent
1952-



MR. and MRS. W. A. SMITH
Superintendent Kennedy Home
1950-1968

DR. P. M. SHERRILL, seen in this photo with
MICHAEL EDDINGER, his namesake, served
Mills Home for 18 years prior to his death
in 1956.



RAYMOND F. HOUGH
Superintendent, Kennedy Home
1924-1928



MRS. W. R. WAGONER
Director, Child Development Center
1965-



W. ISAAC TERRELL
Pastor, Mills Home Baptist Church
1953-1954
Director of Development
1967-



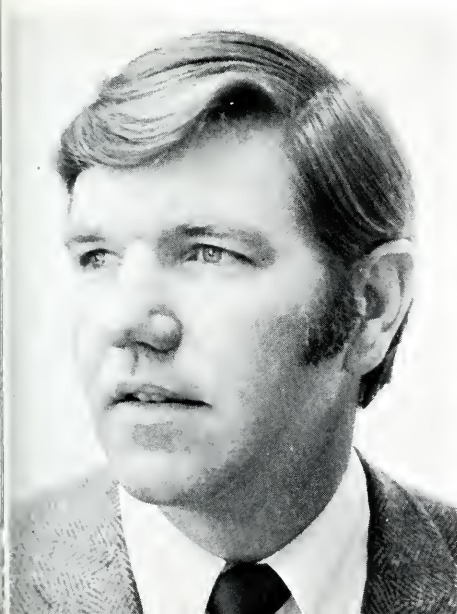
J. PARKER MCLENDON
Superintendent, Mills Home
1970-



ROGER E. WILLIAMS, JR.
Pastor, Mills Home Baptist Church
1956-1965
Director of Development
1965-1967
Superintendent of Kennedy Home
1967-



F. T. BOWMAN
Treasurer
1961-



HUGH STARNES
Social Worker, Mills Home and Western Area
Superintendent Elect, Broyhill Home
1970-



MISS SARAH E. ELMORE
Superintendent, Mills Home
1939-1950



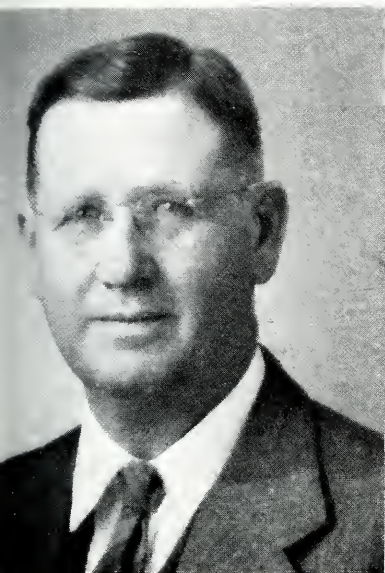
ROMULUS SKAGGS
Principal, Mills Home School
1935-1950



MISS MABEL BEAN
Mills Home Social Service Department
1934-1957

MRS. W. C. REED



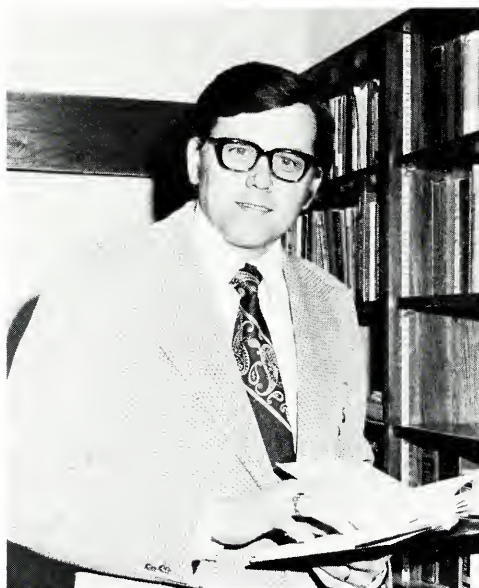
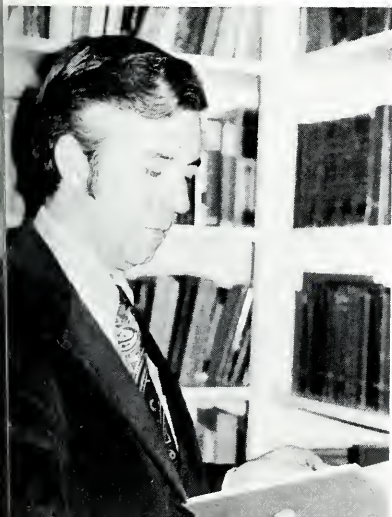


C. C. McKOIN
Farm Manager, Mills Home
1931-1947



LUCILE REED
Secretary to General Superintendent, W. C. Reed
1944-1959

RODNEY BEALS
Pastor, Kennedy Home Baptist
Church
1970-



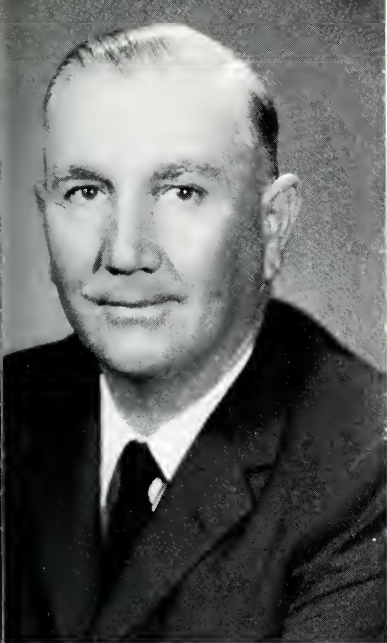
JAMES M. LAMBERT
Pastor, Mills Home Baptist Church
1966-



E. W. BROGDEN
Assistant Superintendent, Kennedy Home
1921-1949

VAN RICHARDSON
Farm Superintendent
1931-1963





MR. and MRS. C. B. JOHNSON
Farm Superintendent, Kennedy Home
1943-1962

PAUL EDINGER
Farm Foreman, Mills Home
1932-1949
Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds
Mills Home
1950-1966

H. J. HENSLEY
Farm Manager, Kennedy Home
1943-1970





MR. and MRS. JOSEPH HOUGH
Superintendent, Kennedy Home
1928-1943

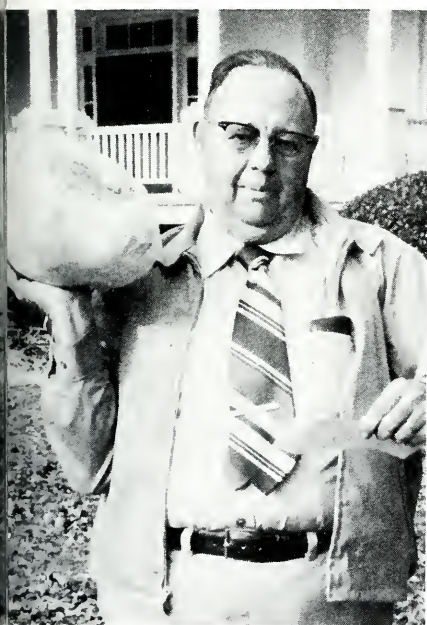
WILLIAM A. SISK
Farm and Food Manager and
Director of Campus Activities,
Mills Home
1969-



WILLARD MYERS
Maintenance Superintendent, Mills Home
1966-



MELVIN WALKER
Director of Cottage and Campus Life
Kennedy Home
1968-



W. E. WALKER
Supervisor, Food Locker Plant, and
Purchasing Agent for foods at
Kennedy Home
1949-

AFTON QUINN
Director of Social Service
1960-



NELSON HAYES, alumnus of both Mills and Kennedy Homes; MISS SALLIE McCracken; DR. I. G. GREER and trustee, DR. OLIN T. BINKLEY.



Mills Home housemothers (left to right) MRS. RAY FRISBEE and her mother-in-law, MRS. GRACE FRISBEE, visit with DR. ALAN KEITH-LUCAS, professor at the School of Social Work of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, who serves as consultant to the Baptist Children's Homes.

MRS. W. R. WAGONER (center) is director of the Child Development Center at Mills Home. She is seen in this photograph with MRS. JAMES K. WARD, teacher, and a group of her students.



Government in the field of agriculture and his wife was county nurse. They made a very important contribution to that area of the state, but some of us believed that God had still higher plans for them. When I was elected as general superintendent, we immediately made contact with the Smiths. Their training had been ideal for this important work. Mr. Smith had served with distinction in a child-caring institution and also in agriculture, and Kennedy Home owns a large and fertile farm. Mrs. Smith would, with her skill in nursing, be invaluable in caring for the health of the children. Dr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer joined Mrs. Reed and me to meet the Smiths in Statesville. During the midday meal we discussed the situation at Kennedy Home. Later, after a visit to Kennedy Home, they agreed to accept the work there.

Never have I known a couple who loved the children more than they. Either of them was at all times available to any child, employee, or guest of the Home who wished to consult with them. Their home was always open to the children and it is doubtful whether a day ever passed without some child going to their home for a short visit or for some information.

Mrs. Smith served as administrative assistant to her husband. She purchased the children's clothing and was a life-saver to the nurse when a child got hurt or sick. It was also her responsibility to take all children who needed a doctor's care to his office in Kinston.

The Smiths were both very dedicated Christian workers. He was superintendent of the Sunday School during his stay at Kennedy Home. Mrs. Smith taught a Sunday School class. They now live in a beautiful country home near Salisbury and spend many happy hours in their flower and vegetable gardens. In 1969 Mrs. Smith accepted a position with the Golden Age Nursing Home in Salisbury where she is continuing her great skill in helping to alleviate the suffering of those who need her most.

C. B. JOHNSON, Farm Superintendent of Kennedy Home

1943-1962

Mr. Johnson was reared on a farm in Cumberland County. He received his education in his home county and attended the University of North Carolina. When he came to Kennedy Home in 1943, he found a beautiful and talented young lady who had earlier come there to work. Her name was Miss Ruth Elizabeth Jones. They were married, and their marriage was blessed by a lovely baby girl. They named her Barbara. She is married now to Ely Perry, Jr., one of Kinston's leading citizens and business men.

Mr. Johnson served with distinction as farm manager for nineteen

years. He was an excellent farmer and a model Christian citizen. He died suddenly on April 24, 1962, while working with his men in one of the large fields at the Home. No one had suspected that he had a heart ailment, but without a second's notice he passed away. He and his wife, Ruth, who supervised the sewing room most efficiently for many years, added much to the development of the children. Mrs. Johnson continued to supervise the sewing room until her retirement in 1967. She always tried to please the children in the selection of their clothes, and her understanding and tireless effort helped smooth many situations that could have become problems. She now lives in Kinston near her daughter Barbara.

*W. E. WALKER, Supervisor Frozen Food Plant and
Purchasing Agent for Foods at Kennedy Home*

1949-

W. E. Walker was born and reared in Henderson, North Carolina. He attended school in his home town. Following graduation from high school he entered Wake Forest College where he graduated in the fall of 1948. He is married to Ruth Hocutt, also a graduate of Wake Forest College. They have one son, Robert (Bob), a graduate of the School of Textiles at the University of North Carolina in Raleigh, who is now with DuPont in Kinston. Willie has been with the Homes since February 1, 1949. For a total of twenty-two years he has done an excellent job both in his work at the cold storage plant and in training the children. His influence on the campus has been very wholesome. Perhaps the majority of the children who live at Kennedy Home drop by his place of business more often than any other one place on the campus. When special foods, such as fruits and nuts, are given to the Homes, the children know Mr. Walker will give them a treat.

When the time comes to butcher swine or cattle, the stock is sent to the state-inspected Frosty Morn Meat Packing Plant in Kinston to be butchered. Then Mr. Walker carefully slices the bacon and puts it on cold storage. The hams and part of the shoulders are carefully smoked, cured, and stored at proper temperatures to preserve them. Much of the meat is ground into sausage, for the children prefer sausage to bacon. Likewise Mr. Walker cuts the beef and stores it at temperatures suited to its preservation. Foods that have to be bought are usually chosen from local wholesale houses and delivered in considerable quantities to the cold storage plant. The cold storage plant has many rooms, each having different temperatures suited to meats, vegetables, and fruits of different kinds.

Mrs. Walker is a teacher in the public schools of Kinston, North

Carolina. The Walker family has added much to the progress of child care at Kennedy Home.

PEARL HOWELL, *Head Carpenter*

1937-1967

Mr. Howell and his wife moved to Kennedy Home in 1937. He served as a general repair man under E. W. Brogden until Brogden retired in 1949. Then Mr. Howell was made superintendent of buildings and grounds until his retirement in 1967. Thirty years of his life were spent here working in whatever capacity needed. He had several of the older boys who helped him with the work. The boys liked this type of work, especially those who had an aptitude for the work.

When we had our four years of such tremendous repairs on the buildings, it was necessary to bring in several helpers from outside the Home. They worked under Mr. Howell's supervision and did a wonderful job in renovating the old buildings.

THE KINSTON PHYSICIANS

Perhaps no institution in the state has ever had a closer relationship with the medical doctors and dentists than Kennedy Home has had with those who practice in the city of Kinston. When a child becomes ill or is injured, he is rushed to Memorial General Hospital; or if he is too ill to go to the hospital, any one of the medical staff will rush out to the Home to see him. They very seldom accept any pay. For several years the dentists each took turns coming to the Homes one-half day per month. They had set up at their own expense a dental room in the infirmary. Later they decided that they could do a better job in their own offices. Thereafter, the children were taken to their offices out in town. The only charge was for the materials used in treatment. They would not accept remuneration for their services. Since the Home was established about eight miles west of Kinston in 1916, the medical and dental professions have contributed tens of thousands of dollars in service to the hundreds of children that have lived at Kennedy Home. Without exception, they loved the children and the children loved them. This good relationship still exists and no doubt will continue. The physicians and dentists who have served our children because of their love for them are too numerous to mention. If I should try to name them I know I would leave out some, so let me just say that the majority of those who have practiced in Kinston since the Kennedy Home was founded have had a part in helping the children to grow up with strong bodies and good spirits.

NEW DIRECTIONS IN REED'S ADMINISTRATION

During the eight years of this administration, a number of changes took place. In the fall of 1951, we entered all of the Mills Home children in the uptown schools. In my judgment this was one of the most progressive steps taken during my administration. A committee from the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes joined us in working out a satisfactory arrangement with the Thomasville school board and the school administration. The city pays a special tax to enrich their school program. We agreed to pay for each of our children the average that was paid by the special tax for each city child. This seemed fair to all concerned. The Thomasville schools were pleased with this arrangement, and it has proved to be of great benefit to our children. Now they began to realize that they were just normal boys and girls like all other children. Competition in their studies and other school activities became much keener. Many of them, through the years, have become leaders in all phases of the school program. Several have won distinction in public speaking, debating, athletics, and music. A goodly number have won scholarships to Wake Forest and other colleges because of their scholastic achievements.

Another important step was to do away with group care for the pre-school child. We realized that younger children need more individual care than can possibly be given them in a group situation. Our social workers now place children in foster homes until they are old enough for school.

About this same time, we employed a psychiatrist from the Baptist Hospital for part time, but after a short time he left the hospital, and our project had to be dropped. This experience, perhaps, furnished at least a part of the ground work for the Greer Home in Chapel Hill for emotionally disturbed children, but this was worked out under a later administration.

A regular program of training for houseparents was started. During 1954 the Board decided to set aside \$5,000 to train houseparents at Chapel Hill on a three year trial basis. It worked well and is still working in a great way. Perhaps this might be called the beginning of the group child care project as it relates to houseparents. It was my privilege to serve as chairman of the committee from the Tri-State Conference to work with the School of Social Work of the University of North Carolina, and the project got into full swing in 1956. Al Broten of Wisconsin was employed and given the same status as a professor at the University. He was connected with the Social Service Department and traveled from one child care Home to another. An experienced man in this field,

he taught employees who worked with children how to do their jobs better, and how to direct the children that they might grow into good citizens. Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas of the School of Social Work at Chapel Hill served as director of the project without pay. In February of 1969, I was invited to meet with the officials of this project. They now have four full-time teachers, and Dr. Keith-Lucas still serves as director. He is perhaps the greatest child care authority in the entire nation. We have had much help from the Duke Endowment on this project. Now the project takes in institutions in fourteen states instead of the original six or seven. This organization has, without doubt, done much to promote good child care. It is indeed a new day for the homeless child who must be reared in an institution.

We also began training social workers at Chapel Hill. After a college graduate works with our Social Service Department for one year, if she wishes to continue this work, she is sent to a school of social work and paid a sufficient salary to care for her expenses provided she agrees to come back to us after her graduate work. The State of North Carolina and almost all the states do the same with their social workers. It is almost a necessity to have graduate-trained social workers in Children's Homes. In 1950 there was a staff of eight in the Social Service Department. By 1968 it had increased to twenty.

Each summer the School of Social Work at Chapel Hill conducts a two-week seminar for child care executives. Then they have a similar plan for housemothers. Hundreds of people from all over the nation attend these seminars. Those who have attended have always gone back to their work with more enthusiasm and a better "know how" than when they came. Many of the same ones attend each year. The skills of our houseparents and social workers have enabled us to work through the problems of many children who otherwise would be lost.

Then again the more highly skilled social workers have made it possible for us to work with pastors in helping families to work through their own problems and in many instances the homes have been saved. This has made it possible for great numbers of children to continue to live with their own parents in a normal setting who otherwise would have been compelled to go to some institution.

On May 7, 1957, the Board voted to accept the Indian Orphanage at Pembroke as part of our program. This was a new field of work for the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes. We began immediately to feed, clothe, and pay the other expenses in con-

nection with their work there, but their buildings had all been condemned. We asked our attorney to get a clear title to the property. When this was done, the architect began drawing the plans. It was to accommodate twelve boys in one end and twelve girls in the other, with an adequate apartment in each wing for house-parents. A large sitting room was located in the center and just back of this an office, a dining room, a kitchen, and a cold storage room. Just over the office was to be developed a commodious guest room. The building was actually constructed under Dr. Wagoner's administration and was the first cottage built for both boys and girls. It is an excellent building and is meeting a great need.

When Reed retired he made two recommendations to the Board: first, arrange to put some children at Wallburg; and second, place capable case workers in strategic places over the state to work more closely with the parents of the children and to keep in closer touch with the pastors. These recommendations are contained in the general superintendent's general report to the Board in 1958. Each of these recommendations has been implemented since the new administration took over the work.

The changes that came about during this administration were not the work of one man alone. They were accomplished largely by a good Board of Trustees and many faithful helpers.

Chapter V

ADMINISTRATION OF DR. W. R. WAGONER, 1958-

Walter R. Wagoner was born on November 2, 1917, the youngest of the nine children of Walter Wagoner and Frances Hauser Wagoner. They lived on a farm near Lewisville, in Forsyth County. Young W. R., like all other farm boys of that time, helped on the farm and learned the value of hard work and consistent discipline. By precept and example his parents taught him the value of Christian virtues. His early education was in the public schools of Lewisville. After finishing high school, he entered Mars Hill College in the fall of 1936. At Mars Hill he made a good scholastic record. He took an active part in many extra-curricular activities which did much to prepare him for his future studies, his success as a pastor, and his success in his present field of service.

After graduating from Mars Hill, Mr. Wagoner entered Wake Forest College where he earned his A.B. degree. While at Wake Forest, he continued the extra-curricular activities that had been so prominent in his junior college work. None of the extras were allowed to interfere with his regular academic studies, however; his grades were considerably above average, and he was recommended for further study at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

While a student at Wake Forest and for one year thereafter, Mr. Wagoner served as pastor of three rural churches. It was at Wake Forest that this young man came under the influence of Dr. Olin T. Binkley, then head of the Department of Religion. Two years after Mr. Wagoner transferred to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Dr. Binkley was called there as professor of Christian ethics and sociology. Soon thereafter Dr. Binkley became Dr. Wagoner's major professor and chief advisor while he earned his B.D., Th.M., and Th.D. degrees. It is safe to say that no one teacher played as great a part in helping Wagoner to prepare for his life's work as did Dr. Binkley during the years that he studied under him at the seminary. While he was at the Southern Seminary, he served as full-time pastor and at the same time made

an enviable record in all his studies. He financed his own schooling from the time he left high school until he won his doctorate at Louisville.

W. R. met Elizabeth Tucker at a gathering of young people held by the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. A real courtship began and never slackened, and on August 6, 1943, they were married. They have two fine boys, Otis and Bruce, and one lovely daughter, Anne.

After receiving his doctorate from the seminary, Dr. Wagoner was called as pastor of the North Winston Baptist Church where he served for several years with great distinction. Leaving North Winston, he went to North Wilkesboro where his work was outstanding. As a pastor, as a counselor, and as a citizen, he meant much to the community. He was at North Wilkesboro for four years and then God had other plans for his life, and he moved on to the Children's Homes to become general administrator, where he continues to serve with outstanding success.

Over the years I have tried to determine what caused his great interest in child care. Perhaps it was his contacts with the children while he was serving the Mount Carmel Church as pastor in the Yates Association. Each year the Mount Carmel Church invited a cottage of Mills Home children to spend the weekend with them. They were placed in homes all over the community. Then on Sunday morning they all met for Sunday School and worship. So far as I know this was Dr. Wagoner's first contact with the children of the Homes. Thereafter he visited the Home and became acquainted with the program.

In May of 1958, at the regular Board of Trustees meeting, I notified the Trustees that I would retire on June 30. When the news went out that I was going to retire, applications came pouring in from all over the South, but God had his own man whom He had prepared for the leadership of this great program. That man did not submit an application, or indicate in any way that he would be interested, but the committee from the Board to select my successor read carefully all applications. In their opinion, none of them was suited to carry forward the work as they wished it to be done, so they turned to the pastor of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro because they felt that God was directing them to this man. Beyond a doubt, God was working at both ends of the line, for Dr. Wagoner accepted. Not a day lapsed between this author's administration and his. As I moved out, he moved in and the work has advanced beyond all expectations.

In addition to his busy schedule as president of the second largest child caring institution in the South, Dr. Wagoner has held many positions of honor and great importance. He has served as president of the North Carolina Child Care Association, president of the Child Care Executives of Southern Baptists, and first president of the Southern Baptist Social Service Association, which had its first meeting in Dallas, Texas, on September 28-29, 1969. Also he has been called upon to address several Baptist State Conventions throughout the nation, and to conduct a number of seminars for executives in inter-denominational child care meetings. He has attended at least one international conference on youth, and he never misses any conference of note on child care that is held in the United States. As a result he is now recognized by all child care authorities as one of the most capable men in his field of service. He has steadily grown and progressed in the knowledge of his work, and the program over which he presides has progressed along with him.

Dr. Wagoner's administration has been characterized by strengthening of the facilities and programs already established at the Homes and by moving into other areas of unmet needs. The building program has gone forward in a great way. Since Dr. Wagoner's administration began, five new staff buildings have been erected at Mills Home and three at Kennedy Home. Three of the existing buildings at Mills Home were renovated to make them suitable for families of children, both girls and boys. Then through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. William York of Greensboro, the first building on the Mills Home campus designed especially so that brothers and sisters could live together in family groupings was built. This was a new venture in cottage arrangement for this Home and for others in this general area. A total of twelve children are served in this building, and the smaller number will enable cottage parents to devote more personal time and attention to each child. The Bright-Brown Cottage, the Stokes Cottage, and the Craver Cottage have since been built as family-type cottages at Mills Home, and the Williams and Bryant Cottages at Kennedy Home. These six cottages have made it possible to maintain closer family ties. The Spainhour Music Building provides rooms for piano and choir practice and a home for the music family. The J. Leland and Margaret Sadler Library Building provides much needed and much used library facilities for the children in one of the loveliest buildings to be found anywhere. A modern dairy facility, second to none, has been erected at Kennedy Home. Recently, the W. H. Jones Infirmary has been built at Kennedy Home, and the contract has been

let for a new recreational building there. The office buildings both at Mills Home and Kennedy Home have been renovated and are now far more efficient than ever before. A new administration building for the general officers of the Baptist Children's Homes is now under construction at Mills Home.

The buildings are only the beginning of the program that is being carried on at the Baptist Children's Homes. The training program for social workers, houseparents, and other child-care workers, which is promoted through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, has been greatly strengthened. Dr. Keith-Lucas, Distinguished Alumni Professor of the School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a foremost authority in church-related child care in the nation, had this to say about the work of the Baptist Children's Homes:

"What impresses me at this time about the Baptist Children's Homes is the ever-increasing amount of knowledge, wisdom and thoughtfulness every member of its staff brings to the problems of the redemption of each child and his family. Dedication and love have always been present, but more and more a new dimension is apparent—informed, thoughtful, well coordinated, and purposeful love and dedication on the part of every staff member, from administrator to social worker to houseparent to auxiliary staff."

When I left the Homes we had two case work centers—one at Mills Home and one at Kennedy Home. Now we have five additional ones—in Asheville, in Charlotte, in Raleigh, in Fayetteville, and in Chapel Hill. These regional centers enable the case workers to keep in close touch with pastors and with the homes from which the children come. By this close contact many homes are saved and the children remain with their parents. Every year a larger percentage of children are returned to their homes through rehabilitation of family life and re-establishment of homes through case work services. The late Dr. I. G. Greer used to say that the only way to save society is to "Go up stream and work with the families from which the dependent children come." These case work centers are the beginning of an effort to put this philosophy into practice, and the effort is bearing fruit.

The Odum Home at Pembroke became a part of the Baptist Children's Homes under the previous administration, but their building has been built and their work carried forward under Dr. Wagoner's direction. The new building, operating on the family concept, was dedicated in 1960. The entire program at Pembroke is promoted from this building. It began as an Indian orphanage, but

now about half the children are not Indian. There have been no race problems at all. Perhaps the Odum Home has done more to unify the Burnt Swamp Association than any agency of the Convention. Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Hammond came to the Odum Home on September 1, 1958. Mr. Hammond served as superintendent of the Home and Mrs. Hammond served as housemother for the girls. They did a very fine work here until Mr. Hammond resigned to re-enter the pastorate on January 31, 1969. Tommy Swett was made director of the Home on February 1, 1969. From the beginning his has been a part-time relationship. He also serves as counselor in the Robeson County public school system.

C. M. Wall left his farm between Thomasville and Winston-Salem to the Baptist Children's Homes during Dr. Greer's administration. In 1943 his sons built a dwelling on the farm, and for many years some of the farming operations of the Home were carried on here. Now the Wall Home has been established here and about twelve boys live here with their houseparents. This Home will later be enlarged. It is under the supervision of the superintendent of Mills Home.

In 1964 a large vacation cottage that will care for forty or fifty people was dedicated near Emerald Isle on Bogue Sound. It has made possible a new and wholesomely different experience for the child care family. Every child in all of our Homes now spends one week there each summer along with the houseparents. Possibilities for providing "extra help" for children through wholesome recreation and worship experiences in this setting are unlimited.

The Development Program of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes was begun in November of 1965, and the Reverend Roger Williams was the first director. Foundations, endowments, industries, business corporations, individuals, families, and groups of friends are being acquainted with the Children's Homes and its "Long Range Plan" for complete services. The development program hopes to stimulate grants, special gifts, deferred giving, and estate planning. The Reverend W. Isaac Terrell succeeded Roger Williams as director and has done a fine job.

There has been more progress made in our child care program during the past ten years than in any similar period of its history. In the Chapter of Wills and Bequests you will find how each of the buildings has been financed. Suffice it to say here that not one penny sent to the Homes by the churches has been used in buildings unless so specified by the sender.

DR. WAGONER'S CO-WORKERS

VERNON SPARROW, *Superintendent of Mills Home*
1959-1969

As has been previously said, the manager of any child caring agency is largely dependent upon the type of helpers that he has during his administration. Vernon Sparrow followed C. A. Kearns as superintendent of Mills Home.

Mr. Sparrow was born and reared near Chapel Hill. He was educated in the public schools of his native community, and then went to the University of North Carolina where he received his B.S. degree in business administration. Later he was married to a lovely young lady, Annie Mae Glasgow. This marriage was blessed with four children, three boys and a girl: Ronnie, Donnie, Mickey, and Patsy.

After leaving college, Mr. Sparrow entered business. He was for several years connected with the distribution of gasoline and oil products. Then after much thought and prayer, he came to the conclusion that God wanted him in full time Christian service. He had always been a loyal church worker and a deeply religious man. He was called to North Winston Baptist Church as educational director while Dr. Wagoner was there as pastor. Here he did a masterful work, particularly with the young people. After Dr. Wagoner went as pastor of the North Wilkesboro Baptist Church, Mr. Sparrow was called to the First Baptist Church of Lenoir where his work was very fruitful. Now when the superintendency of Mills Home became vacant, Dr. Wagoner immediately turned to him to fill this vacancy.

For ten years he did a fine work in this position. He gained the confidence of children and staff through his understanding of their problems. During his last two years there, his health began to fail and he had to spend much time in the hospital. Finally, he decided that his health just would not permit him to continue in this position, so he reluctantly resigned. All houseparents, children, and the administration were greatly disturbed by the fact that he could not remain with them; but perhaps the Master has some other plan for his life. Certainly he has much to offer for the betterment of mankind.

F. T. BOWMAN, *Treasurer*
1961-

When R. E. Muth accepted work at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill and resigned as treasurer of the Baptist Children's Homes, the committee to find a replacement soon

turned to a talented and well trained young man in Kannapolis.

Mr. Bowman was born in Alexander County on January 29, 1923. He received his early education in his home county. After finishing high school he entered King's Business College in Charlotte, North Carolina. When he had finished the course at King's, he was called into military service. He served in the European theater of war in 1944 and 1945. After he was released from military duty, he entered Catawba College in Salisbury, receiving an A.B. degree in accounting in 1950.

He worked under Civil Service for awhile and then accepted work with Cannon Mills in the bookkeeping department. He served here with distinction for a period of nine years, or until 1961, when he resigned to accept the treasurer's position at the Baptist Children's Homes with headquarters at Mills Home.

In 1946 Mr. Bowman and Miss Helen Harrington of Kannapolis were married. Their home has been blessed with two fine children—Miriam and Charles. Mrs. Bowman, a lady of charm and excellent personality, also serves on the staff at Mills Home. Their home is a blessing to all on the campus.

Mr. Bowman not only keeps an accurate record of the money and other receipts, but he goes the extra mile and mails out to each Trustee a complete record of income and expenses each month. He makes a detailed report to the Board of Trustees at each of its semi-annual meetings. Regardless of the rush in his office, these reports are always ready at the time needed. No more capable or conscientious treasurer has ever served one of our Baptist institutions.

Mr. Bowman takes an active part in all phases of the church work. Indeed he sets an example in this phase of our work that is worthy of being emulated by the children. Someone has said, "What you do speaks louder than what you say." This man lives and teaches the higher ethics of Christianity; and nothing can take the place of a good example in helping boys and girls to grow into good citizens.

WILLIAM A. SISK

Farm and Food Manager and Director of Campus Activities
1950-

Bill was born in Haywood County in 1926. Some years later his father died when the nation was in the midst of the greatest depression it has ever experienced. His mother was unable to make the kind of home she wanted for her young son. As a result he was brought to Mills Home in 1934 and remained until 1944. When

he was graduated from high school and left Mills Home, he was drafted into the Army where he remained for three years. Two of those years were spent in the European theater of war.

When Bill returned from the Army, he entered North Carolina State College in Raleigh, where he studied for two years. The college put him in charge of the dairy herd, known as the Piedmont Extension Station.

In 1949, Bill was married to Louise Clodfelter, a young lady who had grown up with him at Mills Home and graduated from Gardner-Webb College. She was born in Cabarrus County and remained there until she entered the Home. They have two fine children, Elaine and Amelia.

In 1951, about one year after I moved to Mills Home, Van Richardson who had left Mills Home to become gardener at Kennedy Home some years earlier, decided that he would like to move back to Mills Home. So he was elected as superintendent of all farming operations of the Homes. He immediately contacted Sisk to see if he would leave his excellent position at State College to come back as farm foreman. His love for the Home that had done so much for him was so great that he found it impossible to refuse. Mr. Richardson left the Homes about 1963 to enter the real estate business. Mr. Sisk was made general manager of the Mills Home farm, and later these other duties were added to his responsibilities.

When Vernon Sparrow resigned as Mills Home superintendent in 1969 because of illness, Sisk was appointed as director of Campus Life. He is carrying on this difficult task with unusual success. Houseparents and children alike love him. He is firm in his decisions but always fair. Mrs. Sisk worked in the office.

Mr. Sisk is doing a magnificent job in all areas of his work. Since he was reared here, he knows how to sympathize with the children in difficulty. Yet he also knows that they must learn responsibility and be taught to work.

J. PARKER McLENDON, *Superintendent of Mills Home*

1970-

J. Parker McLendon has been named superintendent of the Mills Home and director of Children's Homes work in Piedmont North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. McLendon and their family came to Thomasville from Elkin, where he had been pastor of the First Baptist Church since 1963.

Mr. McLendon was born May 22, 1929, in Deland, Florida. He earned the B.A. degree from Stetson University (1953) and the

B.D. (1960) and M.Th. (1962) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has also attended the School of Pastoral Care at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Mr. McLendon has served as pastor in Florida and at Maple Springs and Duke Memorial Baptist Churches in Franklin County, North Carolina. He was associational missionary in the Tar River Baptist Association before going to Elkin. He is a member of the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. He holds membership in the Council on Christian Life and Public Affairs, which he serves as secretary.

Mrs. Frances Boyett McLendon is a native of Tampa, Florida. She attended Stetson University and holds a B.S. degree from Atlantic Christian College. She is a teacher, certified in elementary education. The McLendons have three daughters: Novella, a student at Appalachian State University, and Sheryl and Martha, who are students at Thomasville Senior High.

"We are fortunate to secure the services of Parker McLendon," says Dr. Wagoner. "His background of training and experience qualify him well for the varied responsibilities which will be his."

THE REVEREND W. ISAAC TERRELL

Director of Development

1967-

Mr. Isaac Terrell was born in Caswell County on June 1, 1918, to William Weslie and Fannie Underwood Terrell. This couple moved to Burlington when Isaac was five years old. Here the young lad attended public school until high school graduation. He attended Campbell College for two years, after which he transferred to Elon College where he earned his A.B. degree.

Soon after graduation, Mr. Terrell and Miss Mildred Moss were married. This marriage has been blessed with three fine children: Isaac, Jr., Rebecca, and John. After Mr. Terrell married, he and his wife went to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky where Mr. Terrell received his B.D. degree.

After seminary graduation, Mr. Terrell served as pastor of a number of country and urban churches. He was pastor of the Mount Olive Baptist Church when he was called to the pastorate of the Mills Home Church. From this position, he was called to the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem as assistant pastor. Later he was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie.

When Roger Williams was named superintendent at Kennedy Home, the Board of Trustees turned to Mr. Terrell and he ac-

cepted this great responsibility in 1967. No man has ever worked harder to accomplish a task, and the results are becoming more and more visible as time passes. Mrs. Terrell serves as his secretary, and he writes hundreds of letters and publishes a great abundance of promotional material.

AFTON QUINN AND OTHERS, *Directors Social Service
Dr. Wagoner's Administration*

1960-1968

Afton Quinn, who came to Mills Home as a caseworker while Mrs. Blake was director of the social service program, had started out to become a Baptist minister. I first met him at the Southeastern Theological Seminary one day when I met all classes for one of the professors and had the privilege of talking to them about our Children's Home work. Then I was asked to address the entire student body on the same subject at the chapel period. That afternoon Mr. Quinn approached me and asked if we would consider one who was majoring in theology for a position on our staff of social workers. Of course, I told him that this training would be of great value and to get in touch with Mrs. Blake. The next thing I knew Mrs. Blake approached me about employing him. Soon he moved onto our campus and began his duties here. He made an excellent record and when Mrs. Blake retired in 1960, he was elevated to the directorship for several years. Then he decided that he would prefer to become a casework supervisor, so Leon Shoemaker, who had graduated from college and taken a degree in social service at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was brought to Mills Home to assume this most important work. He remained for a few years and then moved on to a more rewarding field financially. Mr. Quinn and his lovely wife, Barbee Green Quinn, are now heading the Social Service staff at the Methodist Home in Raleigh.

WILLARD MYERS
Maintenance Supervisor

1967-

Willard Myers was born near Thomasville in 1923. His father's name was Henry Brad Myers and his mother's name was Montilou Kirk Myers. He attended school in his home town. He graduated from high school and then enlisted in the United States Navy for four years. Two of these were spent in the European area and two in the Asian area.

Soon after returning from the Navy, he was married to Miss Jewel Colleen Whitlock in 1946. This marriage has been blessed with three fine children: Kenneth Sherrill, Willard Lynn, and Ricky Neil.

Mr. Myers is a licensed electrician and worked for the Bryant Electric Company of High Point for four years. In 1952 he joined the Mills Home staff to help Paul Edinger, superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. While in this position, it was discovered that he was a tireless worker and had a profound moral influence on the children who lived there. He did the wiring of buildings as needed, made repairs on the electric stoves, and made almost all repairs on the many television sets and radios that were in the cottages.

When Mr. Edinger retired in 1966, Mr. Myers was elevated to the position Mr. Edinger had held, but the title was now changed to "maintenance supervisor." He is going forward with the program of maintaining the buildings and machinery and keeping them in good repair in a most excellent way.

The Myers family are strong Baptists and have for many years been leaders in the Liberty Baptist Church in the suburbs of Thomasville.

EDITORS of *Charity and Children*

1959-1970

J. Marse Grant (written up under my administration) left 18 months after I did to assume the editorship of the *Biblical Recorder*, our state convention publication. As previously said, Marse did a marvelous job here and is doing a masterful job with the *Recorder*.

Mrs. Marse Grant served as interim editor during the month of January, 1960. Then Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner, one of the Children's Homes' staunchest friends, served as interim editor from February until June, 1960.

John E. Roberts, a native of Shelby, was educated at Gardner-Webb College, Furman University of South Carolina, and George Peabody College of Nashville, Tennessee, where he received his M.A. Thereafter, he taught school in Gastonia, and was a staff writer for the *Gastonia Gazette*. Leaving Gastonia, he became professor of English and journalism at Gardner-Webb College. From there he came to edit *Charity and Children* on June 1, 1960. He remained in this position for five years and did an outstanding job. He left this position to accept a position as associate editor and business manager of the South Carolina Baptist Convention magazine, *The Baptist Courier*, published in Greenville, South Caro-

lina. Again Dr. E. Norfleet Gardner came to the rescue and served as interim editor until June, 1965.

Orville Scott took over the editorship of *Charity and Children* in August, 1965. Orville was born in Arkansas, reared on an East Texas dairy farm, educated at Panola Junior College in Carthage, Texas, and at the University of Texas in Austin where he received an A.B. in journalism in 1965. He married Emma Jean Dunlap of Carthage, Texas. They had three children: James, Elizabeth, and John. Orville did a splendid work while at the Children's Homes, but after three years, he resigned to take graduate work at the University of Missouri.

Eugene W. Baker, a graduate of Baylor University with A.B. and M.A. degrees and the M.R.E. from Southwestern Seminary was serving at the Children's Homes as director of public relations. He was given the position of interim editor from August 28, 1968, until May, 1969 when he resigned to accept employment with the First Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia. Soon thereafter the present editor was named and took over the work.

Eugene White was born in Texas on November 9, 1926. All his undergraduate work was done in Texas. Later he transferred to Oklahoma Baptist University, where he received the B.S. degree. In 1956 he graduated from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, with a bachelor of divinity degree.

Since leaving the Seminary, Mr. White has served in a number of positions. First he served as chaplain of the Goodwill Industries of Dallas, Texas, where he held eleven chapel services each week. He was also liaison between all social agencies of Dallas and the Goodwill employees. While there, he inaugurated a number of programs for the deaf and other handicapped people. Mr. White held pastorates in nearby churches, while in school both in Texas and Oklahoma, and led at least one mission project to become a full-time church.

When Mr. White left the chaplaincy, he became editorial assistant of the *Baptist Standard*, the Texas Baptist Convention magazine published in Dallas. He later moved on to the *Church and State* magazine as managing editor. He left this position to become editor of *Charity and Children*.

In addition to the above, Mr. White has written one book, "The Drama of the Cross," published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also twenty-seven Baptist Convention magazines have carried his articles, and they have appeared in numerous other magazines. He has addressed many Baptist State Conventions, including our own Convention in North Carolina.

In 1950, Mr. White was married to Esther Lee Selvey of Oklahoma. They have five children: Stevan Alan, Elsa Jeanne, Bryan James, Leland Martin, and Kenan Griffith.

This weekly paper has been a vital connecting length between the Homes and our Baptist people since its first publication, by John Mills, on July 14, 1887. All editors have had the responsibility and privilege of helping to promote the program of North Carolina Baptist Child Care.

HALDENE HENSLEY, *Farm Manager*

1943-

Mr. Hensley and his family came to the Home in 1943 as dairyman, and this position is naturally under the farm manager. He was born and reared on a farm in Virginia and received his education in the schools of his native state. He married Christine Reynolds, also a native of Virginia. They have four children: Jordan, Peggy, Alan, and Patsy. We learned that we had found a man who was willing to work and knew how to manage boys. In those days the boys who helped with the milking had to get up about 4 a.m. to get their job done and get ready for school. If a boy was missing, Mr. Hensley immediately went to the cottage to get him unless the boy was sick. They soon learned that they must be there on time and do their work well.

Later all milk was produced at Mills Home and all pork and beef at Kennedy Home. Then Mr. Hensley was given the job of caring for the beef cattle and the swine. He keeps superior herds of each, and he always sees that sufficient feed is stored for them to be properly fed.

In 1962 when C. B. Johnson, the farm superintendent died suddenly, Mr. Hensley was placed in charge of the total farming operation at Kennedy Home. This was too much for one man, but Hensley and his helpers did it in a marvelous way. In 1966, when the dairy herd was moved from Mills Home to Kennedy Home because the Mills Home milking barn was condemned and the Kennedy Home was a far better place to grow feed than Mills Home, Frank McDade of Durham County was elected as superintendent and coordinator of farming. He and his family lived at Kennedy Home in 1967, but he resigned in 1969 and returned to Durham County to help his father run their own farm. When Mr. McDade left, the entire management was turned over to Mr. Hensley in the interim, and as always, he did a magnificent job.

The Hensleys are very popular with the children who have lived

or still live at Kennedy Home. Mrs. Hensley, though not employed directly on the staff, has endeared herself to the children by her warm personality and her good cooking. When a former student returns to the campus, the Hensley home is his home. Perhaps they keep in closer touch with the alumni than any others who have served there. Kennedy Home is indeed fortunate to have people like the Hensleys on the staff.

DR. GEORGE PERRY HIGHSMITH

1954-1968

Dr. George Perry Highsmith served Mills Home as physician from 1954 until 1968, the first years as assistant to Dr. Sherrill. After Dr. Sherrill's death, Dr. Highsmith assumed full responsibility for the medical program.

A native of Dunn, North Carolina, and the son of a physician, Dr. Highsmith graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine. His intern and residency work was done at Watts Hospital, Georgetown University, University of Pennsylvania, and Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

The most accurate description of Dr. Highsmith's contribution to Mills Home is expressed by two words: "High standards." He gave and expected from others the best of care, no less than he would want for his own children. For himself and anyone else connected with the medical program for the Mills Home children, he accepted only the best in quality of service rendered.

MELVIN WALKER, *Director*
Cottage and Campus Life
Kennedy Home

1968-

Melvin was born in Burlington, North Carolina, on July 1, 1930. He was educated in the high school of his home city and then studied in a business school. While in high school, he met a young lady named Beatrice Rainey. After graduation, they were married and they have four fine children.

Mr. Walker began his career as an auto financier in Louisiana. Sometime later he returned to Burlington and served several years as a stenographer in a bank. In 1965 he accepted a position at Mills Home as assistant to the treasurer of the Baptist Children's Homes. He served in this position with complete success. In 1968 Mr. Walker moved to Kennedy Home and became director of cam-

pus and cottage life. Mrs. Walker serves as secretary to the superintendent of Kennedy Home.

Mr. Walker's mother had served for fourteen years as dietitian at Mills Home prior to her son's decision to enter child care work. Perhaps this had considerable influence on his decision. The Walker family is rendering outstanding service in the field of child care in Eastern North Carolina.

THE REVEREND ROGER E. WILLIAMS
Superintendent Kennedy Home

1967-

Roger was born to Roger E. Williams, Sr., and Mary Cult Williams in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1918. When he was six years old, the family moved to Miami, Florida. Here young Roger received his elementary and high school training. He attended the University of Miami for two years, and transferred to Stetson University where he received his A.B. in 1939.

After about two years in the pastorate, Mr. Williams entered the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He received the B.D. degree in 1945. He served a pastorate in Indiana while a student at the seminary.

While studying at Stetson, Williams met a young lady named Mary Coen from Avon Park, Florida. She also received her A.B. from Stetson. Two years after graduation, he and Mary were happily married. To them were born four children—two sons and two daughters.

The oldest child, James Edison, at a very early age decided that God was calling him to prepare for the Foreign Mission Field. The entire family and his church were elated by the decision, but he contracted leukemia and in 1955 moved on to his Heavenly Home to forever be with his Savior. Betty Gail, the second child, after graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill served for a year in the VISTA program in Georgia. Roger David, the third child, returned from Vietnam and is now in college at Mars Hill. Nancy Carolyn is a student at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. No finer family and no family of higher ideals has ever served the Children's Homes than the Williams family.

Mr. Williams first came to the Baptist Children's Homes as pastor of Mills Home Church. He came from the Highland Baptist Church of Hickory in 1956 where he rendered an outstanding service during his pastorate there. In 1965, after ten years as pastor of Mills Home, he accepted appointment as head of the Children's Homes

Development Program. He served in this capacity with a high degree of success until 1967 when Mr. W. A. Smith resigned as superintendent of Kennedy Home, the Trustees immediately turned to Roger Williams to lead this vital part of the Children's Homes program. He is not only supervisor of Kennedy Home, but also of the work at Pembroke and the case work centers at Fayetteville and Raleigh. He is respected and liked, not only by the staff and children over whom he has supervision, but also by all Eastern Carolina citizens who know him.

Since Mr. Williams came to Kennedy Home, they have erected two staff houses, two family style cottages for children, and have started work on a new infirmary and a new recreational building. Also, the office has been renovated and is now far more adequate for the enlarged administrative and social service staffs. All indications are that Roger Williams will prove to be one of the most progressive administrators in Kennedy Home history.

RICHARD WILSON POTEAT

Supervisor and Coordinator of Farms

1970-

Richard Wilson Poteat was born January 12, 1942 in Blanche, North Carolina, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Poteat. He was educated in the schools of Caswell County and attended the Agricultural Institute of North Carolina State University where he graduated in 1963. He was married in 1965 to Judy E. Russ of Concord, and they have one child, Richard Matthew, born December 2, 1970.

From 1963 to 1970 Mr. Poteat was with the North Carolina Board of Juvenile Correction as farm foreman and farm manager, and in 1970 he came to the Children's Homes as supervisor and coordinator of the farming enterprises at Kennedy Home. Mr. Poteat is doing a fine job in his new position.

HUGH STARNES

*Superintendent-Elect of Broyhill Home and Superintendent of
Baptist Child Care Services for Western North Carolina*

1961-

Hugh Starnes was born April 16, 1933, to Bert and Hazel Cloyes Starnes in Asheville, North Carolina. He attended Vance Elementary School and graduated from Ben Lippen School for Boys in 1953. He entered Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas, but was drafted after his freshman year.

His next two years were spent in the Army, eighteen months of the time in Germany. While in Europe, he traveled through sixteen countries.

After his discharge from the Army, he entered Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee. In January, 1960, he was granted a B.A. degree with a major in sociology.

While at Carson-Newman, Hugh met Wanda Ellis from Newport, Tennessee. They were married in the summer of 1960. They now have three children—Mark, Stephen, and Christopher Daniel.

Hugh was employed with the Henderson County Department of Social Services for sixteen months. While working in this position he saw a drama about John Mills, first superintendent of Mills Home, which was presented at the Baptist State Convention. He wrote to Dr. Wagoner with the result that he joined the staff of Mills Home as a caseworker in August of 1961. During 1961-62 he attended the University of North Carolina School of Social Work. In August, 1964, he was moved to the Children's Home case-work center in Asheville as casework supervisor. When plans began to materialize for the Broyhill Home near Waynesville, he was named superintendent-elect of the Home. In August, 1969, he moved with his family to Waynesville in order to be nearer the work going on at the Broyhill Home. Mr. Starnes will supervise the work of the whole Western division of the Children's Homes. This will include foster home work, work with students in advanced education, and supervision of the new maternity home in Asheville.

NEW DIRECTIONS DURING DR. WAGONER'S ADMINISTRATION

During the years of Dr. Wagoner's administration, the work of the Baptist Children's Homes has grown in an unprecedented way. Many new areas of service have been explored, and the result is a quality of child care of which Baptists may be proud.

The Greer Home in Chapel Hill, named for former superintendent I. G. Greer, was opened in November of 1963. This Home was designed as a place where those too emotionally damaged to live in group homes or foster homes may be treated by psychiatrists at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital. The Home cares for a limited number of children so that individual attention can be given each child. Living conditions are similar to those of the finest Christian homes where love and affection are foremost. Children may take part in community activities and programs. They attend public school in Chapel Hill, and the school personnel, cottage parents, and case workers work closely together. A team of skilled specialists consisting

of case workers, psychological counselor, psychiatric therapist, and medical doctors, as needed, work with these children. It is one of the few places of its kind in the South, and the Duke Endowment Program has given part of the support for the program.

Another new direction for the Baptist Children's Homes was the opening of the Child Development Center on September 1, 1965. It was planned to provide another significant ministry in the growth and development of children, and to serve as a demonstration program for week-day services to pre-school children. It is housed in a building set just behind the Idol Church Building with a covered walk connecting the two. The building was built by funds from interest accumulated from the Idol Endowment. It is used on Sundays and for five days a week for pre-school education. Included in the program is day care for younger children as well as a kindergarten for the older ones. These children come from families in the Thomasville area, and the center has made it possible for many mothers to get jobs and support their families, thus keeping the home together. The Center is committed to the practice of quality care and education of pre-school children. The children are not only cared for physically, but they are also being taught the esthetic and Christian ideals that will influence their lives for good. The Center serves as a model and training center for churches and other organizations who want to go into this important work. Mrs. Wagoner directs this program, and she is increasingly recognized as an authority on pre-school education. Perhaps time will prove this day care program to be one of the most progressive steps ever taken by this institution.

Another area of service into which the Baptist Children's Homes is moving is a home for unwed mothers in Asheville which was opened in the fall of 1970. This service is one which Baptists of the state have shown interest in, and for which there is a great need. Case workers will work with the mothers and with the placement of the babies when this is desired. This work will be under the direction of Hugh Starnes, who is superintendent of the Western division of the Children's Homes.

Land has been purchased and a road built from the public road to the site of what is to become the Western branch of the Children's Homes. It is near Lake Junaluska between Waynesville and Clyde. It will bear the name of "The Broyhill Home." The Broyhill Foundation gave \$150,000 to get the home started, and more and more people of Western North Carolina are donating to the project. There is now more than \$500,000 donated or pledged to this project. Two cottages are now under construction. The plans are to place some children there in 1971. Hugh Starnes will be superintendent of

the Broyhill Home and will oversee all the work of the Baptist Children's Homes in the Western part of the state.

The latest report from the Baptist Children's Homes shows that the Homes provided care and related services to a total of 1,322 children. Of this number 1,003 received continuing services, while 319 received casework, counseling, and referral services. This is probably an all-time high for the Homes. All these services are based on a philosophy of child care which has love for its base. The following story about Dr. Wagoner is indicative: One of the boys at Mills Home was constantly running away from the Home. Some one of the employees would go after him and bring him back. After he had run away one time, the one who brought him back took the boy directly to Dr. Wagoner's office. They sat there and talked about school, church, and other things; and then Dr. Wagoner told the lad that there was to be a party that night somewhere on the campus and he was allowed to bring one guest with him. He asked this boy to be his guest at that party. The boy had such a good time at the party and was so kindly treated by all who were there that he went back to his cottage and never ran away again. Perhaps he learned for the first time that someone really did care for him. Love solves more problems with children, and also with adults, than all things else combined. It is in this spirit that the work of your Baptist Children's Homes goes forward.

Chapter VI

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1932-1970

It is most difficult to put into words the great contribution the Trustees have made to the child care program of North Carolina Baptists; yet they have meant so much that any sort of history of the program would be incomplete without some mention of each one who has served. From 1932 to the present time, many men and women have served on this important Board. They have at all times sought the will of God, and each has had something unique to contribute that has strengthened and enriched this phase of Baptist work. Many citizens of this nation and around the world have had their lives enriched by this unselfish service. The Board is always kept balanced, being composed of a cross-section of select men and women from all sections of the state. It contains pastors, businessmen, lawyers, farmers, school men, housewives, and representatives from as many segments of our complex society as possible.

Some may wonder just what the function of the Board of Trustees is. Each of our denominational institutions—hospital, homes for the aging, colleges, and Children's Homes—is controlled by a Board of Trustees elected by the Baptist State Convention to serve for a term of four years. After the members have rotated off, they may be placed on some other board immediately, if they are approved by the Convention, or they may at their request be left off any board for one year and then returned to the board on which they previously served for another four-year term if chosen by the Convention. The function of all these boards is the same, and yet each is distinct. Certainly this is true of the Children's Homes Board. The planning and promotion of a program that will give children a chance to develop their God-given talents in an environment that will challenge them to attain their best physically, mentally, and spiritually in our changing society is evidently the greatest need our nation faces. Hence complete dedication is the essential for every person who serves on this Board.

The Board holds two regular meetings each year, in January and September. Each year at the January meeting the Board reorganizes, since four or five old members are going off the Board and the same number of new ones coming on. The members select a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Chairman and members of the Executive

Committee, and an attorney. (The attorney does not have to be a member of the Board.) Then all other members are placed on one or more committees. The Board is at present divided into the following committees: an executive committee of seven members as required by the constitution (this committee acts for the Board between regular sessions); a social service and education committee that keeps in touch with the Social Service Department of the Homes and the public schools; the development and public relations committee (which keeps the public informed about what the Homes are doing for the children and how the churches are supporting them.) Then there are the finance committee and the buildings and grounds committee. Special committees are appointed as needed.

Each committee chairman reports either to the executive committee or to the General Board at each meeting and makes such recommendations as they may consider wise. All major decisions are finally approved by the whole Board and then turned over to the administration to implement.

One of the most important duties of the Board is the selection of the chief administrator of the Homes. Upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Board, the Board elects a president to give general supervision of the agency's farflung program. The president is the executive officer of the corporation and has the responsibility for and authority to supervise and manage all agency work; he has the responsibility for the supervision and management of all the employees and personnel of the corporation; he carries out the directions of the Board of Trustees, is responsible directly to the Board and makes reports to the Board at each of its semi-annual meetings and as requested by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The president of the corporation has control of the several departments of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated; he is responsible for the supervision of collection of funds for the Homes, the purchasing of supplies for the corporation; he has the power to employ and discharge all employees of the corporation subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. It is the responsibility of the president to employ a superintendent for each of the Homes operated by the corporation, a director of development, a director of child development, a treasurer, a coordinator of social work, a director of the farm-food program and any other staff personnel needed.

During the years this author has been connected with the Homes (1943-1970), the Board has been unanimous in all decisions but two. They often have differing views, but they discuss them and usually

come to complete agreement. The two times when they could not become completely unanimous were in reference to promoting the homes for the aging under our program and signing what is known as the "Compliance Act." In the first instance our Convention leaders had asked our Board to study the feasibility of promoting the children's work and homes for the aging under one general program. All Board members but one did not consider this plan feasible. This one voted for the proposition. In the "Compliance Act" two or three of the members of the Board voted against signing, but when the majority voted to sign, all joined and there was complete harmony in supporting the majority opinion.

Dr. I. G. Greer, until his death in 1967, and W. C. Reed have been used since retirement as consultants. They have had the privilege of meeting with the Board and the responsibility of helping to promote the work of the Homes in the associational meetings and whenever called upon by the administration. They have served in other capacities such as seeking wills and special bequests and in helping to raise money for all projects of the organization.

The following people have helped directly to make life richer and brighter for thousands of children since 1932, and only Eternity can measure the good that they have accomplished through the families and friends of those who have grown up in the Baptist Homes. It is not the purpose of this writer to try to give a biography of Board members. The name, with a very brief sketch of each, is given to let the reader know the type of men and women who have loved and guided the destiny of the Homes through the years.

DR. B. W. SPILMAN
Kinston

1917-1942

Dr. Spilman was a native of North Carolina, a graduate of Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor, secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Board, field secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, instructor in three of our Baptist theological seminaries, and foundation lecturer for several institutions. He was also a founder of the Southern Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest and a lecturer in great demand throughout the nation. He published eleven books and was for twenty-five years writer for a number of periodicals of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board. He was given honorary degrees by a number of colleges and seminaries. (For a biography of Dr. Spilman, see Dr. C. Sylvester Green's book, *Spilman, the Sunday School Man*.)

THE REVEREND THOMAS CARRICK
High Point
1895-1935

Mr. Thomas Carrick of High Point was a member of the Board for fifty years — from the very beginning of the orphanage until his death in 1935. He served as Secretary of the Board for many years, and attended forty-nine of the fifty annual meetings.

H. S. STOKES
Winston-Salem
1929-1948

Mr. Stokes served on the Children's Homes Board from 1929 until 1948 when he was rotated off by a recent ruling of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention that no man could immediately succeed himself on any of our boards. He was an official of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, but he was never too busy to help with the business of the First Baptist Church or the Baptist Children's Homes. He was a very close friend of both Robert M. and Sarah Maston Idol and no doubt played a great part in creating in them an interest in the Baptist Children's Homes and the fine job it was doing in training boys and girls for a useful life. This influence without question helped cause them to bequeath to the Mills Home about one million dollars to enrich the program. During his lifetime Mr. Stokes was among our most generous supporters.

ROBERT A. MCINTYRE
Lumberton
1933-1945

Mr. Canady was a prominent businessman of Kinston. He was of the Varsar, McIntyre, and Henry law firm of Lumberton. He was an outstanding churchman and citizen, and served on the Board before 1932 and continued until he was rotated off in 1945. In addition, Mr. McIntyre served as orphanage attorney for more than fifteen years, and the legal business was always in good shape. He also served on a number of committees and for some years as vice-chairman of the Board.

J. H. CANADY
Kinston
1912-1946

Mr. Canady was a prominent business man of Kinston. He was completely loyal to his church and was always interested in the civic

and religious affairs of his city and state. He often went far beyond the call of duty in serving his generation. No man was more interested in the Children's Homes. His wife was a niece of the Kennedys who gave the 1250-acre farm and mansion to the Baptists to establish an Eastern home for children. After 1932 Mr. Canady continued to serve on the Board until he was rotated off in 1946. No man was more loyal to the cause of child care.

DR. GLENN CHOATE

Salisbury

1931-1946

Dr. Choate was a very prominent physician in the city of Salisbury. After 1931 he served for fifteen more years on the Children's Homes Board until he was rotated off in 1946. In spite of his busy life as a physician, Dr. Choate always managed to plan ahead so that his patients could be cared for by other physicians on the days that the Child Care Board met. He offered many progressive ideas in regard to the children's health and physical welfare as well as in other areas of the children's needs.

Dr. Choate was a great lover of music, so he gave money sufficient to purchase instruments for a brass band at Mills Home. Prior to the complete integration with the Thomasville City Schools, Mills Home had a band that attracted wide interest. Perhaps the music of no other band was quite so sweet to the sensitive ears of Dr. Choate as this one at Mills Home. Since the children have attended the uptown schools, many of them have served with distinction in the Thomasville High School Band.

DR. ZENO WALL

Shelby

1934-1948

A brief biography of Dr. Wall is given in connection with his administration of the Children's Homes program. Suffice it to say here that no man has ever served with greater distinction than he. He was on the Board in 1934 and remained until he rotated off in 1941. Later Dr. Wall was reappointed and served until 1947 when he was elected General Superintendent to succeed Dr. I. G. Greer. During his fifteen years on the Board, Dr. Wall served as chairman most of the time.

F. B. HAMRICK

Raleigh

1930-1943

Fuller B. Hamrick came from Raleigh to Thomasville to become the first field representative of *Charity and Children* in 1913. He served well in this capacity for two years. Then general manager M. L. Kesler recommended him for treasurer of the Homes. Mr. Hamrick was duly elected to this responsibility where he served with distinction for fourteen years. In 1929 he entered business for himself, but his counsel was so sound that the administration immediately recommended him to the Convention as a trustee. He was duly elected and his term of service began on January 1, 1930. He remained on the Board until his death in 1943. Mr. Hamrick was a versatile man and made a fine contribution both as an employee and as a trustee. General Superintendent Greer had this to say about Mr. Hamrick, as recorded in the annual report to the trustees in 1943: "The annual this year is appropriately dedicated to F. B. Hamrick. Perhaps no man has ever been connected with the Homes who rendered more varied and faithful service. He gave to the work a devotion in wisdom and service that cannot be measured in words. He will ever live in the memory of this institution."

C. L. HAYWOOD

1908-1942

Mr. Haywood served faithfully for a period of thirty-five years on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes. Ten of these years were after 1932, or until his death in 1942. He did much to promote a program of progressive child care. Mr. and Mrs. Haywood made possible the kindergarten building at Mills Home in memory of their two daughters, Marguerite and Gladys, who had died early in life. The annual of 1942 was dedicated to Mr. Haywood as a tribute to his long and faithful service. The 1942 report says, "No man has loved the Orphanage more, or was more faithful to the duties assigned him."

JOHN T. COLEY

Rocky Mount

1934-1946

Mr. Coley was serving on the Children's Homes Board in 1934 and he served until he was rotated off in 1946. He was a progressive farmer, insurance executive, and businessman. But with all his business interests, he always had time to do whatever was needed in his

church, in his community, or in the Children's Homes. He was also active in the work of the Baptist State Convention. Since rotating off the Board, he has always been available for counsel and advice. It is impossible to estimate the value Mr. Coley has been to the child care program of North Carolina Baptists.

MRS. BEELER MOORE

Gastonia

1930-1936

Mrs. Moore was first appointed to the Children's Homes Board in 1930 and served faithfully until her death in 1936. In his annual report to the Trustees in 1936, Dr. Greer had the following to say about Mrs. Moore, "Since you last met, Mrs. Beeler Moore, who in a quiet, unassuming way, was one of the most valuable members your board has ever had, has gone to her reward. She had keen insight into the needs of the Orphanage and was always ready to make any sacrifice necessary to render service to dependent children. Mrs. Moore was a devoted Christian and gave her best talents and energy to the service of others. We are appropriately dedicating this annual to her memory."

DR. R. L. MOORE

Mars Hill

1925-1938

Perhaps no North Carolinian in his generation was more highly regarded or better loved, or rendered greater service to his fellow citizens than Dr. R. L. Moore, president of Mars Hill College. During his years on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes, he proved that he was just as interested in the children who live at the Homes as he was in the students who attended Mars Hill College. His wisdom and contribution to the Board gave great impetus to the child care program. A complete biography of Dr. Moore has been written by Clarence Dixon and may be found in any of our college libraries. The title is *Moore of Mars Hill*.

J. W. NOEL

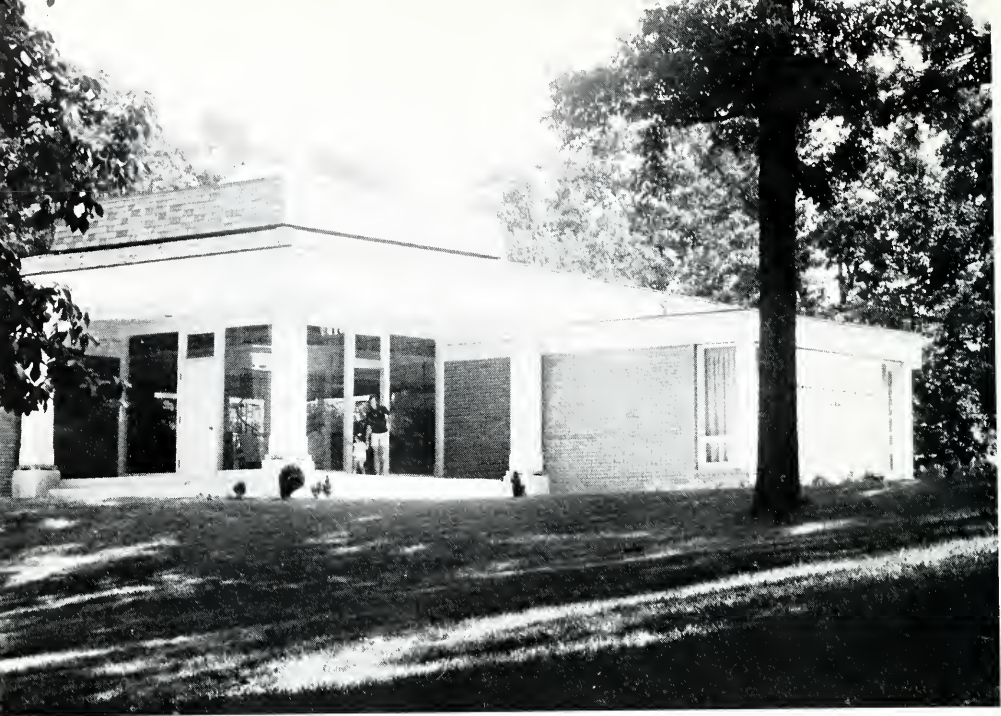
Roxboro

1911-1945

Mr. Noel was owner and publisher of the *Courier-Times* of Roxboro for a great many years. It is doubtful if any keener or more versatile mind ever served on the Children's Homes Board. He was a



Mills Home Baptist Church



Sadler Memorial Library, Mills Home

Durham Cottage, Mills Home





York Cottage, Mills Home

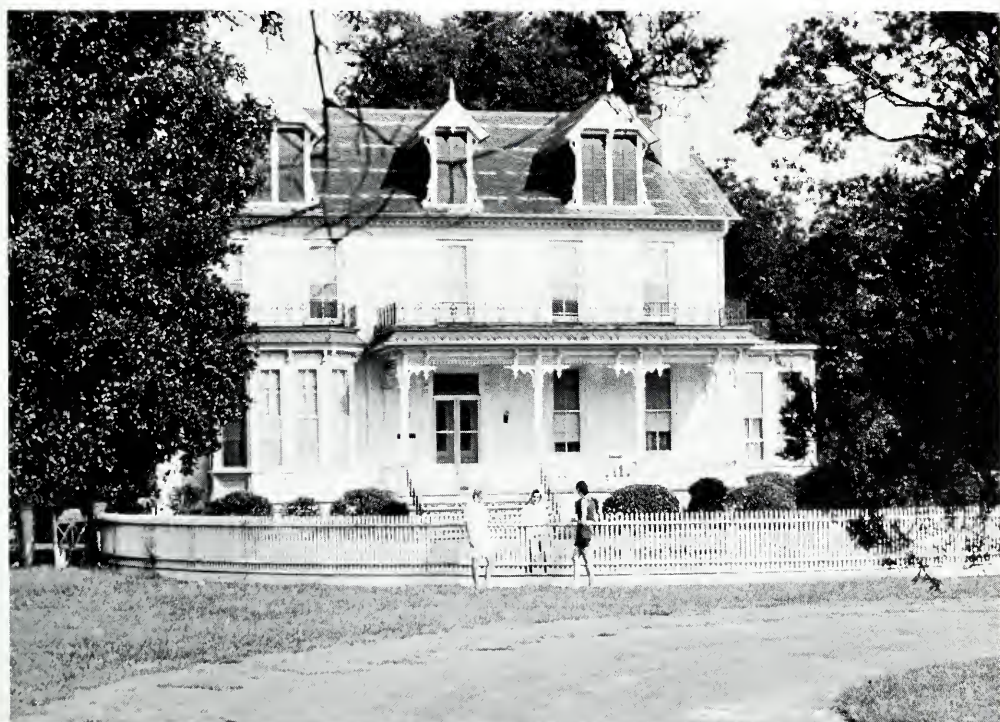


Mills Home Gym



"The Valley," Mills Home

Cedar Dell, Kennedy Home





Bunker Cottage, Kennedy Home

Kennedy Home Baptist Church





Locker Plant, Kennedy Home



Biggs Cottage, Kennedy Home



Odum Home, Pembroke, N. C.



Greer Home, Chapel Hill



Ocean Isle Home, Emerald Isle



Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Broyhill of Lenoir and their son, Congressman James Broyhill (center), break ground for the Broyhill Home in Western North Carolina.



Western Carolina Cottage,
Broyhill Home



Mills Home Pool

Maternity Home, Asheville



great believer in every man having the privilege of designating where his gifts should be used. At Board meetings, by his contacts over the state, and through his paper, he had a great influence in promoting the work of the Children's Homes. Suffice it to say here that he was a true friend of every needy child, and could always be counted on to do his part in meeting that need.

THOMAS P. PRUITT

Hickory

1924-1947

Mr. Pruitt was an attorney of great influence in his community and throughout the state. He was also a very prominent and prosperous businessman. He attended the Baptist State Convention regularly, and the Convention relied heavily upon him for legal advice. He was as faithful as any trustee has ever been to the Children's Homes. He served for many years as chairman of the powerful executive committee. He also handled much of the legal work of the Homes. Truly, his love for homeless children was unsurpassed.

MRS. BESS D. SCOTT

Charlotte

1929-1957

Mrs. Scott is the daughter of the late J. A. Durham of Charlotte, a wholesale groceryman and textile executive. He served many years on this same Board and often brought his young daughter, Bess, with him to Board meetings. So, early in life Mrs. Scott became interested in this program. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Beeler Moore of Gastonia were the first women ever to serve on the Board. Since I have been connected with the Children's Homes, no trustee has shown greater interest in the work than she. Her church, Myers Park of Charlotte, under her inspiration, always gives one of the two largest Thanksgiving Offerings in the state.

CHARLES SHIELDS

Scotland Neck

1932-1945

Mr. Shields was a prosperous business man and farmer from Scotland Neck. He was loyal and active in his home church, and usually attended the Baptist State Convention sessions. He was somewhat of a debater and was always ready to participate in the discussions when some controversial issue reached the Convention floor. He made an

outstanding contribution to the deliberations of the Children's Homes Board, particularly in relation to Kennedy Home. When he was called to his reward, he left \$5,000 to Kennedy Home to buy instruments, or whatever was needed.

J. B. STROUD
Greensboro
1913-1942

Mr. Stroud had been a member of this Board many years prior to the date of this history and he continued to serve with distinction until ill health compelled him to resign in 1942. He was a man of high principles and influence for good. One trustee said of him, "He gave freely of his time and his heart." He was very popular and was loved by all his fellow Board members.

A. E. TATE
High Point
1923-1939

Mr. Tate served on the Children's Homes Board of Trustees until 1939. His last service on the board was as chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Tate was prominent in the furniture industry in High Point. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and served as Sunday School superintendent for thirty-two years. He served for many years as chairman of the Child Care Board. I quote from the general superintendent's report of 1939, "The recent passing of one of your members, A. E. Tate, is one of the greatest losses the Children's Homes has sustained in many years. As chairman of the executive committee, he was always ready to give time and wise counsel in the interest of the orphan child. His dignity, his stately and immaculate appearance made him easily a prince among men. This issue of the annual report is being dedicated to him as a slight tribute to the long years of faithful service he rendered to the Homes."

T. H. BROYHILL
Lenoir
1935-1945

Mr. Broyhill was co-founder and co-owner of the Broyhill Industries with central offices in Lenoir. He was also a large landowner and businessman of unusual talents. He served with distinction on the Children's Homes Board from 1935 through 1945. His wisdom and business experiences were of great value in planning for the financial

support and expenditures of the institution. During these few years, he developed a very keen interest in the welfare of the homeless child, and he showed it in his generosity which will be discussed in the Chapter on Wills and Bequests.

MRS. F. A. BOWERS

Kannapolis

1938-1947

Mrs. Bowers was the wife of one of our most successful pastors. Among the churches he served was the First Baptist of Kannapolis and the First Baptist of Morganton. Both Mrs. Bowers and her husband were always greatly interested in the work of child care. Mrs. Bowers was loyal to the work and carried out every assignment that was given her.

THE REVEREND W. H. BAUCOM

Asheville

1939-1946

Mr. Baucum was a very successful pastor of several churches over the state. He was well known and loved by the Baptist leaders of North Carolina, and served on several committees of the Baptist State Convention. He was noted for his total commitment to all phases of Baptist work. He took great delight in the Board meetings and was always ready with wise suggestions when they were wrestling with the many and varied problems of the Children's Homes.

MRS. E. B. GENTRY

Charlotte

1939-1946

Mrs. Bess D. Scott found it necessary to resign from the Board in 1938. She was succeeded by Mrs. Gentry, who was a member of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte. Mrs. Gentry later moved her membership to Myers Park Baptist Church. She served with distinction until her husband was transferred to another state. She now lives in Tennessee.

CARROLL C. WALL, SR.

Lexington

1941-1945

Although Mr. Wall served only one term on the Children's Homes Board, it is safe to say that no man ever served who was more in-

terested and more willing to go the second mile in his efforts to promote the work. His interest in the Homes was passed down to him by his noble father, who gave to the Homes the farm on which he was reared. It has now been converted into "The Wall Home" and about eight boys live there. The Wall family has been among the greatest supporters of this work since it was founded in 1885. No more faithful person ever served on the Board than Carroll Wall, Sr. He was always present for the meetings and contributed greatly to the program. Although he gave financially to the support of the Homes, the greatest gift he has made is that of his son, Carroll, Jr., who is now serving on the Board.

W. T. LOVE, JR.
Elizabeth City
1944-1947

Mr. Love was a prosperous merchant and leading churchman of his area. He came from a very prominent family. This family has furnished famous missionaries, preachers and doctors to our state and nation. It is safe to say that no man ever appreciated the privilege of serving homeless children more than he. He was very generous with his financial support as well as with his talents.

HOMER ANDREWS
Burlington
1943-1947

Mr. Andrews was a devout church leader and businessman of his city. He was for many years postmaster of Burlington. Like the others who have served on the Board, he gave a full measure of devotion to the work and made a splendid contribution to the entire program. He was particularly helpful in promoting the work of the Home through public relations.

CARL HOOD
Asheville
1944-1946

Carl was a product of Mills Home. He came to the Home from Goldsboro in 1905 and stayed until 1910. He later was graduated from Mars Hill College and then settled in Asheville. Carl served on this Board from 1944 until his death in an automobile accident in 1946. His pastor, Dr. Perry Crouch, said of him, "Carl Hood was a businessman, an artist in his business, a loyal member of the church,

a deacon of long standing, a trustee of the Baptist Children's Homes, and a most highly respected citizen of Asheville. He served his church quietly and well, taking the responsibility assigned to him and doing it to the best of his ability. He was a lover of beauty, of flowers, of music, and the finer things of life. In his particular business as milliner, he had few superiors, expressing his creative ability, artistic temperament to the delight of the multitude of customers who sought his services. He will long be remembered in this church by his many friends." Carl was truly a prince among men, and during his brief service on the Board he showed in every way the appreciation he had for what the Homes had done for him when he was young and could not do for himself.

WILLIAM M. YORK
Greensboro
1944-1970

Mr. York is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and Harvard, a prominent attorney and businessman. He was first elected to the Children's Homes Board in 1943. For a number of years he served as attorney for the Homes and handled a number of important wills and bequests. His decisions are always fair and sound, and members of the Board seek his opinion on all important matters before reaching a final conclusion. Never to be forgotten was the day when he stood up before the Board and said, "The Lord has blessed me far beyond what I have deserved. As a young man I resolved to tithe all my income. Much of this has gone through the First Baptist Church. Another part has gone into the York Foundation. Now, I have enough in this foundation to build a children's cottage on the Mills Home campus." He and Mrs. York proceeded to erect the building. (See the Chapter on Wills, Bequests and Buildings.) Mr. York is one of the strongest forces for progress ever to serve on this Board.

C. M. ABERNETHY
Lenoir
1946-1949

Mr. Abernethy was a school administrator. He was county superintendent of the Caldwell County Schools for many years. While he was a member of the Board of Trustees, he served on the executive committee and as chairman of the education committee. Although he served only four years on the Board, his advice and forward look in the area of the children's educational opportunities were very helpful.

WALDO CHEEK

Asheboro

1946-1949

Mr. Cheek was an outstanding attorney. He was appointed by Governor Hodges as insurance commissioner of the state. He served with distinction for several years. During his term on the Children's Homes Board he was completely loyal and was available for help at all times. He served on the executive committee during his last year on the Board. He rotated off the Board in 1949.

H. CLOYD PHILPOTT

Lexington

1946-1959

Mr. Philpott was part owner and president of the United Furniture Company of Lexington. His interests were varied. He was a successful businessman, and for several years showed great interest in state government. He served one term in the state Senate and was serving as Lieutenant-Governor of North Carolina at the time of his death in 1960. These business and political interests did not in the least dull his interest in the Children's Homes. Beginning in 1945, he served for a total of twelve years on the Board of Trustees. During this time he served as chairman of the Executive Committee and later as chairman of the Board. It was under his leadership that the first realistic budget was set up, and the first full-time purchasing agent employed. He was also instrumental in getting the insurance program studied and set up on a firmer basis. Mr. Philpott was never too busy to make himself available when needed to help with anything relative to Baptist child care. His influence will be felt for generations to come in this worthy endeavor.

HOWARD A. PENTON

Wilmington

1946-1949

Mr. Penton was on the Board for four years. He is a businessman from Wilmington. During his term on the Board he served on the Buildings and Grounds Committee where his experience in building and finance enabled him to make a contribution to this program.

S. F. TEAGUE

Raleigh

1946-1949

Mr. Teague served on the Board for one full term of four years. He is an attorney and has always shown a keen interest in the Baptist child care program. He is a very generous person, and with his keen observations he made a good contribution to the child care program of our denomination. Three of his four years were on the powerful Executive Committee where his knowledge was very constructive.

J. A. JONES

Kinston

1947-1962

Mr. Jones served for a total of thirteen years on the Children's Homes Board of North Carolina Baptists. He was first appointed in 1947 and served until his death in 1962, except for a year between each of his four year terms. Perhaps no Board member has ever devoted more time and energy to the study of this program than he. During most of these years he served as attorney for the Homes, and of course handled many delicate problems. But all his fellow Board members knew that he would come up with the right answer. Almost without exception the resolutions of the Board were put into final form by him. And if there was ever a doubt about the way a question was stated, it was always referred to the attorney for a final draft. His contribution to this phase of North Carolina Baptist work was outstanding.

R. B. CULLER

High Point

1947-1950

Mr. Culler was owner and president of a furniture manufacturing plant in High Point. He was a devoted church leader and for many years was Sunday School superintendent of the large Green Street Baptist Church. Although he served only four years on the Board of Trustees, he always showed great interest in the work of child care. As Sunday School superintendent, he led his church to become one of the largest financial supporters of the Children's Homes of any church in the state. During his few years on the Board, his keen interest in

business and his devotion and love for homeless children were of great value to the administration. When he was rotated off the Board, he had made provision for a Culler Cottage at Mills Home. This cottage now graces the campus and furnishes a home for fifteen of the older boys. Mr. Culler did not live to see the building finished, but Mrs. Culler takes great pride in it. (See Chapter on Wills, Bequests, and Buildings.)

W. A. BULLOCK

Rocky Mount

1947-1950

Mr. Bullock was a successful businessman of Rocky Mount. He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of his city. This church for many years led the state in its per capita giving to the support of Baptist child care in North Carolina. Mr. Bullock, along with his pastor the Reverend J. W. Kincheloe, was constantly stressing this phase of Baptist work. He served as mayor of his city for a number of years, but just as he seemed to reach the peak of his service, he was called from this life to his eternal reward. His advice and judgment while on the Board were appreciated by all.

E. E. WHEELER

Asheville

1947-1949

Mr. Wheeler served only two years on the Children's Homes Board of Trustees, but he made a worthy contribution to the cause. He was a businessman and could always be depended upon to give sound advice on all matters relating to the finances. At the same time he never lost sight of the individual child. He resigned from the Board because of ill health, but never lost his interest in the work.

DR. I. G. GREER

Chapel Hill

1948-1957

Little need be said here about Dr. Greer. A biographical sketch is given in the chapter devoted to his administration as general superintendent. Dr. Greer was serving on the Board in 1932 when Dr. M. L. Kesler was killed by the collision of his car with a fast-moving freight train. The Board turned to Dr. Greer to head the organization, which he did with great distinction until December 31, 1947. At that time he resigned and Dr. Zeno Wall, then chairman of the Board, was elected

to succeed him as general superintendent of the Homes. Dr. Greer was then placed on the Board and immediately selected as chairman to succeed Dr. Wall. He served in this capacity until 1957. He was recognized throughout the nation as a leader in child care.

MRS. L. C. HOLLOWAY

Elkin

1948-1951

Mrs. Holloway was reared at Mills Home, and like most of the alumni, she has great interest in this program of Baptist work. She is a leader in the women's work of the Elkin Baptist Church. She has always been prominent in the educational and civic work of her community. Her love for the Children's Homes is great and her interest in behalf of the children in our Homes never wavers. She brought great strength to the Board because she knew the needs of those who lived there.

EDWIN S. LANIER

Chapel Hill

1948-1951

For many years Mr. Lanier was connected with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was head of the records division and chairman of the scholarship committee. After graduating from college, he began his career as teacher at Mills Home. Since those early contacts with the children he has had continued interest in them and their welfare. When I was elected general superintendent in 1950, he was serving as buildings and grounds Committee chairman. This Committee's recommendations led to the spending of more than one-half million dollars in repairs to put all buildings in liveable condition. Mr. Lanier was one of the strongest backers of the administration in working out a satisfactory arrangement for the Children's Homes to be brought into the Cooperative Program. He could then be counted upon to stand up for the right, and he can still be depended upon to support every righteous cause. He is now Commissioner of Insurance for the state of North Carolina.

JOHN M. ELLIOTT

Edenton

1948-1951

Mr. Elliott is a member of a prominent Edenton family. He has been employed for many years in a mercantile establishment in his home city. He also has real estate and farming interests. He is a great

booster of all Baptist work in Eastern North Carolina. Certainly he made a valuable contribution to the work of Baptist child care during the four years that he was on the Board. He was not only present for all meetings, but he was very progressive in his views of the work. Later he contributed very materially to the solution of certain property settlements in his community.

MISS ADDIE MAE COOKE

Murphy

1948-1951

Miss Cooke was publisher of a weekly newspaper in Murphy during her years on the Children's Homes Board. She served on the Public Relations Committee and was very valuable in helping to plan the promotional work of *Charity and Children*. In the publication of the Thanksgiving material, she made a noteworthy contribution.

JAMES E. CONRAD

Winston-Salem

1949-1970

Mr. Conrad, until his retirement in 1966, was an official of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. He and his brother William have considerable farming interests. No man has ever served on the Children's Homes Board who has devoted more time and energy in helping to plan and direct its program. James is a member of the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. He served his church as deacon and for many years has been a member of the finance committee. During his many years on the Children's Homes Board, he has served on almost all committees. He has served as chairman of the executive committee, and for a number of years as chairman of the Board. Of course, he is rotated off every fifth year, but he has refused appointment to any other board. Now, because of his long years of faithful service, he perhaps knows more about this program than any other member of the Board. Much of the progress of the Homes since 1950 can be traced to his wisdom and advice.

W. E. STANLEY

Durham

1949-1952

Mr. Stanley was for many years the efficient head of the Public Welfare Department of Durham County. He was widely recognized as a leader in his field of service. With this rich background of dealing

with needy people he would naturally play an important role on the Children's Homes Board of Trustees. Not only was he a wise consultant, but also he helped in planning the school and social welfare programs. He gave great strength to the social service department. Mr. Stanley, like other members of the Board, was a leader in all phases of his church and its program in the community. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Durham until his death in 1967.

DR. J. B. WILLIS
Hamlet

1949-1952

Dr. J. B. Willis, a graduate of Wake Forest College and Southern Seminary, was a prominent and greatly beloved pastor in our state. He was pastor of the First Church of Hamlet for thirty-seven years, until his voluntary retirement in 1957. Although his eyesight is failing, he preaches from some pulpit almost every Sunday. He was very effective on our Board. He had great influence on pastors all over the state, and his love for this work and for homeless children has been an inspiration to all who have been associated with him. He still never misses a chance to build good will for the dependent children under the care of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

THE REVEREND B. S. HENSLEY
Sylva

1950-1953

Mr. Hensley was serving as pastor of Scotts Creek Baptist Church during the time he served on the Board. (This old church is very dear to me because it is my home church.) Under his leadership, the church, which is near Sylva, has erected a very commodious and beautiful educational plant and sanctuary. Mr. Hensley served for a number of years as moderator of the Tuckaseegee Baptist Association. During his seventeen years as pastor of the Scotts Creek Church, he had a very great influence on Baptist work in Western North Carolina. He is now retired and lives in Asheville. He is busy doing supply work or any other service that will help his fellow man.

MRS. PAUL PRICE DAVIS
Yadkinville

1950-1953

Mrs. Davis was reared at Mills Home. After she graduated from Meredith College, she and Paul Price Davis of Winston-Salem were

married. Mr. Davis was a leading merchant of the city and also a prosperous farmer. They lived on the farm at Yadkinville and reared their family there. Mr. Davis had died some years before Mrs. Davis served on the Board. She still carries on the work that her husband was so devoted to—both the mercantile business and the farm. Needless to say, her insights into the needs of the children and her business acumen combined to make her a great asset to the Board in many of its decisions.

MRS. E. L. LAYFIELD

Raleigh

1950-1953

Mrs. Layfield's husband was a prominent businessman of Raleigh. She faithfully attended the meetings and played a vital part in helping to promote the total program of North Carolina Baptist child care. She helped to promote good will for the work all over the state.

INGRAM HEDGEPEETH

Lumberton

1950-1953

Mr. Hedgepeth is a successful attorney of Lumberton. At the time of his service on the Board, he was a member of the firm of Varser, McIntyre, Henry, and Hedgepeth. During most of his years on the Board, he served as attorney for the Children's Homes. He helped to settle very satisfactorily a number of important estates. He was always wise and considerate of all parties concerned. During his years as the attorney for the Children's Homes, I never knew him to settle an estate in which all parties were not perfectly satisfied and happy.

J. E. BROYHILL

Lenoir

1951-1959

Mr. Broyhill is co-owner and, at the time he served on this Board, he was president of the Broyhill Industries with central offices at Lenoir. In 1967, a son, Paul, was elevated to the presidency, and Mr. Ed was elected chairman of the Board. In addition to the above-mentioned Industries, in recent years the Broyhills have spread out into other areas of business. Mr. Broyhill has served for many years as national committeeman of the Republican Party from North Carolina. In spite of all these interests, he was never too busy to come to the Children's Homes to help plan the program and the financing of it. On a number of occasions he made suggestions

that are responsible for some of the most progressive steps taken there since I have been connected with the work. Although Mr. Broyhill has not served on the Board for many years, he has lost none of his interest. This was shown in 1968 when he and his family gave \$150,000 to help construct a Western home for children, to be known as the Broyhill Home, Western branch of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

A. G. GLENN

Smithfield

1951-1969

Mr. Glenn is a prominent school man. He served as superintendent of the city schools of Smithfield many years prior to his retirement. With his knowledge of public schools, he naturally fills a most important position on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes. He rendered great service in planning and implementing plans to send all Mills Home children to the uptown city schools of Thomasville. He has headed the important education committee for many years. This committee not only works with the schools but also with the social service department of the child care work. Mr. Glenn has given great strength to the social service department as well as to the educational program.

E. F. DUKE

Rocky Mount

1951-1954

Mr. Duke was a man of great poise as well as wisdom. His city of Rocky Mount honored him by electing him mayor. Although he served only one four-year term on the Board, his contribution was significant. Perhaps in his gentle way his suggestions carried as much weight with his fellow Board members as those of any other person. He was loved in church and civic circles by all who knew him.

THE REVEREND J. NED TAYLOR

Charlotte

1950-1953

Mr. Taylor was a prominent Baptist minister and pastor of the Chantilly Baptist Church in Charlotte during his term on this Board. He had great interest in all phases of Baptist work and made a significant contribution to the Children's Homes work.

J. A. BURRIS

Lincolnton

1952-1961

Mr. Burris is a prominent furniture manufacturer of Lincolnton and a leading member of the First Baptist Church of that city. He was principal owner and president of the Burris Manufacturing Company while he served his two terms on the Baptist Children's Homes Board of North Carolina. His son, Wayne, is now president and Mr. J. A. is chairman of the board. He has long been a benefactor of many Baptist institutions of the state and the South. He gave Meredith College furniture for their living rooms. He has also given furniture to the Children's Homes and to a number of our theological seminaries, and perhaps other colleges in this state. He has long had great interest in our Children's Homes. While on the Board, he served on the buildings and grounds committee, on the farm committee and on the executive committee, part of the time as chairman. Then he served as vice-president of the Board. Recently he made a liberal contribution to the building fund for the Broyhill Home to be located in Haywood County. While he served on this Board, he and Cloyd Philpott were largely responsible for getting a purchasing agent, thereby taking a heavy load off the treasurer and general superintendent. These same two men insisted on a realistic budget and helped to work the budget out in detail. They also played a great part in getting the Homes on a sounder insurance plan, which also enabled us to save quite a sum of money. All in all, I must say that we have had no more capable man nor one who took greater interest in the work than Mr. Burris.

DR. J. H. MATTHEWS

Asheville

1952-1953

Our records show that Dr. Matthews served only two years on the Board. Both of these years he was a member of the education committee where he served well and his influence was considerable.

MRS. GEORGE MCNEILL

Morehead City

1952-1970

Mrs. McNeill is the wife of a prominent lawyer in Morehead City. She is active in all church, school, and civic affairs in her city and in Eastern North Carolina. In the history of the Homes, no one

has shown greater concern for the homeless child than she. On numerous occasions she has provided places in her community where large groups of children could go to spend the weekend and play and swim in the surf of Atlantic Beach. Later she and her husband gave a beautiful lot on Bogue Sound for a cottage where all our children could spend a week during the vacation months. This could not have happened without the generosity and thoughtfulness of the McNeills.

FORREST SHEARIN
Scotland Neck

1952-1955

Mr. Shearin is a businessman of Scotland Neck. For many years he has been a national leader in the Junior Order, serving as treasurer. In this connection he keeps in close touch with the Junior Order Home in Lexington and serves as its treasurer. This is the only Children's Home the Junior Order in the U.S.A. now supports. Naturally, Mr. Shearin brought with him considerable knowledge of and insight into the work of child care that Baptists are doing in North Carolina. This enabled him to make a considerable contribution to the Board as it struggled with the many complex problems connected with any such program. Mr. Shearin is a member of the First Baptist Church of his city.

THE REVEREND MACK GOSS
Hendersonville

1954-1955

Mr. Goss filled the unexpired term of Dr. Matthews, mentioned earlier in this chapter. He was the long time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hendersonville. Prior to coming to North Carolina, he had served on the Connie Maxwell Board. Since Connie Maxwell, the Baptist Home of South Carolina, has long been considered one of the most progressive child caring centers in the Southern Baptist Convention, Mr. Goss naturally had many constructive ideas to offer which would give strength to the program in North Carolina. Although he served only a short time, he served well.

ROBERT GATLIN
Raeford

1953-1970

Mr. Gatlin is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Raleigh. He majored in agriculture and civil engineering and has

followed these dual occupations most of his life. While his father and brothers managed the mercantile business, Robert managed the farms, and surveyed land all over the area where he lived whenever he could get away from the farm. So he came to the Board with a considerable interest in farming. He has served much of the time as chairman of the farm committee. Perhaps it is accurate to say that he has played a greater part in coordinating and planning the general program of farming at the Homes than any other Board member. His abilities have been invaluable both to the Board and to the administration.

THE REVEREND T. L. CASHWELL

Gastonia

1953-1956

Mr. Cashwell was for many years the beloved pastor of East Gastonia Baptist Church. He was loved and respected by all who knew him. Perhaps no pastor in the North Carolina Baptist State Convention was more widely known in the state. He was indeed a powerful preacher of the Gospel and a great promoter of all Baptist causes. I think I can safely say that no phase of Christian service was closer to his heart than child care. This was reflected by the large Thanksgiving Offering that his church made to the child care program each year. Mr. Cashwell is now retired and lives in Gastonia. He is busy with supply work much of the time. He must be a very happy man now because he passed on to his son, T. L., Jr., the ability to preach with convincing power.

CLYDE R. GREENE

Boone

1953-1956

Mr. Greene is an attorney who lives in Boone. He also is a very loyal church worker and takes considerable interest in the Baptist State Convention programs. He was completely loyal to the Board during his term of service. He helped to influence some of his friends to remember the Homes in their wills. He also takes considerable interest in state and national politics. It seems to me that his character can be expressed in one sentence: He is a Christian citizen of highest caliber, and is always ready to serve his state, his denomination, his church, or any of its institutions.

THE REVEREND KNOLAN BENFIELD

Hickory

1954-1957

Mr. Benfield is certainly one of the state's most capable ministers of the Gospel. He has served with distinction in several churches. He was serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hickory when he was on the Children's Homes Board. Soon after he was rotated off this Board, he assumed the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Morganton, and was immediately placed on the Wake Forest University Board for two terms. In addition to the above ministries he served for one year as chairman of the minister's conference of North Carolina; as chairman of the powerful General Board of the Baptist State Convention; and for fourteen years on the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. His keen interest in the Children's Homes has been a great inspiration to many people. His contribution as a Board member of this child care program was superb.

NELSON A. HAYES

Badin

1954-1968

Mr. Hayes is a product of the Homes. During his childhood he lived both at Kennedy Home and Mills Home. After graduating from high school at Mills Home, he entered Wake Forest College where he received both the B.S. and M.A. degrees. He taught at Wake Forest College while he studied for his M.A. Then he taught at Campbell College for four years. He resigned there to accept a position as chemist with Alcoa Aluminum Company of America at Badin. He was chief chemist of that division and served with distinction for forty years. He retired on December 31, 1968. Nelson has served four terms on this Board and has never missed a meeting. On the Children's Homes Board, he served on numerous committees. No one could possibly love the Homes more than Mr. Hayes. He has much to offer in any field relating to child care. Perhaps no one at any time has ever served on the Board who knows and understands the needs better than he. He never hesitates to express his views on any subject, and all members of the Board and administration respect his opinions.

JACK EULISS

Burlington

1955-1958

Mr. Euliss is one of the leading businessmen of his city. Among other business interests, Mr. Euliss has the Chevrolet dealership in Burlington. He is also a leading churchman, and during the past few years has served with distinction in the North Carolina Legislature. During his years on the Children's Homes Board, he showed much interest in the work and helped in many ways to chart the course the Homes would follow in the future. Not only does he have interest in the work, but he also has a keen business mind and makes a good contribution in whatever capacity he is serving.

HENRY A. HELMS

Raleigh

1955-1958

Mr. Helms has served in the field of education during the greater part of his public activity. He served for a few years as principal of the Mills Home School. He was of great value to the work at Mills Home when it moved all children to the uptown city units. Not only did he make an invaluable contribution in this area of child care, but also in working with our social service department and our religious programs. In fact he was so versatile that his influence was felt throughout the total program. He continues to live in Raleigh and is still active in the many activities of his church, and I am sure that he will never lose interest in helping dependent children.

MAURICE HILL

Morganton

1955-1958

Mr. Hill came to the Board with business experience and a willingness to work. After graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he served the University for a number of years in the business department. Then he moved to Morganton as business manager of the Broughton Hospital there. After a few years he joined the staff at the Drexel Furniture Manufacturing Company. A few years ago this company merged with the Southern Desk Company of Hickory and Mr. Hill was elected president of the company.

Mr. Hill served on many committees while he was on our Board and later was elevated to the presidency of the Board. Immediately after he rotated off our Board he was placed on the board of Wake Forest University and was soon made president of that board. He played a considerable part in selecting Dr. Scales as president of Wake Forest University. Certainly it is not too much to say that no man in the state is more interested in the total program of North Carolina Baptists than he. Mr. Hill's interests are as great as the needs around him. Whether he serves a great university, a child caring agency, or a great manufacturing company, he gives his best. The influence he had in developing plans for progressive child care in North Carolina will long be felt.

CHARLES POWELL

Wilson

1955-1970

Mr. Powell is a successful real estate dealer, insurance executive, a sound businessman, and a successful farmer. He is a leading member of the First Baptist Church of Wilson. He is also recognized as one of the most progressive civic leaders of his community. For many years he has served with distinction on the Children's Homes Board of Trustees. He has served in many capacities and is presently chairman of the buildings and grounds committee. Since he operates a dairy on his own farm, he proved a great asset in planning, building, and equipping the new dairy barn at Kennedy Home. His own dairy operates very successfully, so he knew just how to plan for a successful operation at Kennedy Home. Mr. Powell's leadership on the Board gave great strength to the program of child care.

EDRINGTON S. PENN

Reidsville

1956-1959

Mr. Penn is a tobacconist and businessman of Reidsville. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of that city. He served one four-year term on the Children's Homes Board. He was very regular in attendance at Board meetings and was always ready to carry any responsibility given him. He served on the buildings and grounds committee for four years, two years as chairman.

THE REVEREND HORACE SMITH

Canton

1956-1959

Mr. Smith was a very successful minister of the Gospel. He was serving the First Baptist Church of Canton at the time he was on the Board, and he remained in this position until he retired. He still keeps busy doing interim-pastorate work and revivals. He now makes his home in the city of Asheville. The Canton First Church made great progress under his wise and consecrated leadership. He was a great blessing to the Children's Homes while on the Board of Trustees. Perhaps no one knew the Baptists of North Carolina better than he, for he had long been in the forefront of every progressive move made by his denomination. He was able to place the needs of our children on the hearts of our people as few men could.

GUY A. BERRY

Greensboro

1957-1960

Mr. Berry is a successful car dealer in Greensboro, along with other business interests. He is also a prominent churchman in his city. His love for the Homes is so great that he adopted one of our older boys and made him his own son and only heir. He sent him through college and then set him up in business in Eastern North Carolina. Needless to say, he took special interest in the program while on the Board, and through his services greatly strengthened this worthy task of caring for homeless children.

DR. JOHN T. WAYLAND

Wake Forest

1957-1960

Dr. Wayland, formerly one of the state's strongest pastors, is now one of the professors at the Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest. He served the Children's Homes Board on the executive committee, as vice-president and later as president. No man ever showed greater interest in the work, and his contribution in helping to plan and promote better child care will be felt for many years to come. He has been of exceptional benefit in helping to promote and build up a strong social service staff for this child care program.

THE REVEREND H. L. FERGUSON
Charlotte
1958-1961

Mr. Ferguson is the long-time pastor of the Thomasboro Baptist Church in Charlotte. He has deep convictions and does not hesitate to express his views. He rendered excellent service on the Children's Homes Board during the four years he served. He appreciates this program, and he will never lose interest in the welfare of the homeless child.

THE REVEREND A. T. GREEN, JR.
Wilmington
1958-1961

Mr. Green was pastor of the Winter Park Baptist Church in Wilmington while he served on this Board. He has served as pastor of a number of churches, as associational missionary, and in a number of other capacities in our denomination. He has made a distinct contribution in every field of service where he has been called to work. Certainly his advice was invaluable on the Board of the Children's Homes.

C. B. HASBROCK
Bladenboro
1958-1961

Mr. Hasbrock is part-owner and administrator of a large textile mill in Bladenboro. He is married to one of the Bridgers girls of that community. The Bridgers family for many years has had great interest in the Children's Homes of this state. They have been among its best supporters financially as well as in other ways. Mr. Hasbrock was faithful in his attendance at Board meetings and offered constructive leadership during the four years that he served. His obligations to his business interests made it almost impossible for him to accept a second term after he was rotated off.

DR. D. E. WARD, JR.
Lumberton
1958-1970

Dr. Ward is one of the most prominent surgeons in the state. He is married to the daughter of the late Osmer Henry, attorney, who

was for many years associated with the law firm of Varsar, McIntyre, and Henry. This law firm, through the services of Mr. McIntyre who served on this Board for perhaps a quarter of a century, handled all the investments and endowment of the Children's Homes for many years until they were transferred to Wachovia Bank of Winston-Salem. Naturally, Dr. Ward developed a great interest in the work of child care. He is now beginning his third four-year term on the Board. He is one of the most valuable men on the Board. He has led in working out a satisfactory medical program for both the children and the staff. He is a dedicated Christian doctor who is always willing to go beyond the call of duty in service to his patients, to his church, and to all civic and religious causes.

W. E. POE

Charlotte

1959-1962

Mr. Poe is an attorney in Charlotte. He is the son of the Reverend W. D. Poe, who served for many years as the pastor of the Oxford Baptist Church. He is married to the daughter of Dr. Casper Warren, who served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte for many years. Mr. Poe is a member of the First Baptist Church of his city and showed considerable interest in our child care program during the four years that he served on the Board. His legal advice was especially helpful.

DR. R. A. STONE

Pinehurst

1959-1970

Dr. Stone was assistant superintendent of the public schools of Wilson when he first came on to the Children's Homes Board. Later he was elected President of the Sandhills Community College at Southern Pines where he is now serving. At the 1968 Convention he accepted appointment for another four-year term. He has served with distinction on numerous committees of the Board.

MRS. E. F. BAKER

Black Mountain

1960-1963

During Mrs. Baker's four-year term on this Board, her husband was pastor of a good country church in Western North Carolina. They were greatly loved by the people whom they served in the pastorate,

and she showed much interest in the child care work of the Baptists of this state. Her influence will be felt for many years to come.

PAUL BROYHILL

Lenoir

1960-1970

Paul Broyhill is the son of J. E. Broyhill, who has done more for the Children's Homes financially than any other person living today. At the time Paul served on this Board (1959-1962), he was vice-president of one of the largest furniture manufacturing companies in the nation. Since that time Paul has been elevated to the presidency. He had refused appointment to any board because of his numerous responsibilities, but in 1968 he accepted appointment to another four-year term. The Broyhill family has lost none of its zeal for the child care program of North Carolina Baptists. This was clearly demonstrated recently by the gift of \$150,000 to begin the construction of a home for dependent children in Western North Carolina. It will be known as the Broyhill Home, Western branch of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

Paul is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with Phi Beta Kappa honors. He is interested in all phases of church and civic work of his community. He is presently serving as chairman of the Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Lenoir. Like his father, Paul is a good financier. He was always interested in working out a realistic budget and then living within that budget. We look forward to his contribution to the Board meetings during the next four years.

LEWIS JENKINS

North Wilkesboro

1960-1970

Mr. Jenkins is a dealer in building materials and he is always ready to share both his wealth and time with the homeless children of his state. He is now serving his second term on the Board. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro. No one during the quarter of a century that I have been connected with this work has shown greater interest than Mr. Jenkins. Regardless of how busy he may be, when there is a meeting of the Board he will be there. The same is true in his attendance at whatever committee on which he is serving. As a very successful businessman his talents are in great demand. He is now serving as chairman of the committee to build the Western Home. He and Carroll C. Wall, Jr. gave the greater part of

the building material used in the construction of the beach cottage near Emerald Isle. Surely this is a demonstration of love and concern for the homeless child that should serve as an example for Baptists throughout the state.

THE REVEREND W. ISAAC TERRELL
Ahoskie

1960-1963

At the time Mr. Terrell served his one term on the Board, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ahoskie. He had previously served as pastor of the Mills Home Church. Two years ago he returned to the Children's Homes as director of development where he is doing a masterful job. Mr. Terrell is one of the state's finest Christian leaders. He is a graduate of Elon College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. When he left the pastorate of Mills Home, he went to Winston-Salem as assistant to Dr. Ralph Herring, and from there to Ahoskie. Now that he has returned to the Homes, we are hoping he will spend the balance of his active labors in the service of homeless children.

DR. OLIN T. BINKLEY
Wake Forest

1961-1970

Dr. Olin Binkley is president of the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. What can one say about this great man? He is the son of one of the most spiritual country preachers it has been my privilege to know. Dr. Olin graduated from Wake Forest College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he received his doctor's degree in theology. He earned a Ph.D. from Yale University. A number of universities and colleges have conferred upon him honorary degrees. Dr. Binkley has served as pastor, professor at Wake Forest College, Southeastern Seminary and now president of that Seminary. Perhaps no man of this generation has greater love for or greater appreciation of the homeless child than he. His understanding of people in general is most unusual. Yet, with his marvelous knowledge and learning, he is one of the most humble men I know. His life is completely in the hands of God, and his contribution to child care is measureless. He was elected Chairman of the Board at its regular meeting in January, 1969.

THE REVEREND ELMER CARTER

Canton

1961-1964

Mr. Carter served only one four-year term on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes, but during his tenure he showed great interest and made a fine contribution to the program. At the time he served on the Children's Homes Board he was pastor of a country church in Haywood County Association. He has held several pastorates in the state and has always promoted all phases of Baptist work. He was faithful in his attendance at Board meetings and was anxious to serve wherever he was needed. He was of great help in stimulating the churches in his area of the state to promote the child care program liberally.

MRS. ROGER CROOK

Raleigh

1961-1969

Mrs. Crook's husband is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and now is a professor at Meredith College in Raleigh. She is serving her second term on the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes. She is a very capable woman and her contribution to the work has been significant. She wrote the stories of both Mills Home and Kennedy Home in dramatic form. The stories of Mills Home and Kennedy Home have been presented on a number of occasions—once at the Baptist State Convention. They are both good dramas and give an excellent picture of the beginnings of these two Homes.

CARROLL C. WALL, JR.

Lexington

1962-1970

Mr. Wall is a prosperous lumberman in Lexington. His grandfather and his father both had great interest in this area of Baptist work. His father served with distinction on the Board for a number of years. Carroll, Jr., is serving his third term. He was president of the Board until December 31, 1968. With his business acumen, Carroll, Jr. is invaluable in preparing the budgets and planning for the work in general. He recently served on the promotion committee which was responsible for finding funds to build the Western Home. Of course as chairman of the Board he was ex officio member of each committee.

He continues to work tirelessly in securing funds to complete this project. Mr. Wall, along with Lewis Jenkins, provided almost all materials for the beach cottage at Emerald Isle. Mr. Wall has shown as great an interest and as great a willingness to serve the homeless child as any person I have known. Mr. Wall was re-appointed at the 1969 Convention to another four-year term.

DR. JOHN STEGALL

Statesville

1962-1970

Dr. Stegall, a prominent physician of Statesville, has served one term on the Board. He was rotated off in 1965. Then he was appointed by the Convention in 1969 and we look forward to his wise counsel for the next four years. He is active in all church and civic affairs of his city. He is now serving as chairman of the Deacons of the First Baptist Church of Statesville. He has shown great interest in the Children's Homes for many years. While on the Board he was ever ready to offer suggestions in all matters that came before it. His contribution to the program has been very valuable and now with his past experiences he can render even greater service.

JAMES W. CLONTZ

High Point

1962-1970

Mr. Clontz is a member of the First Baptist Church of High Point. He is now serving his second term on the Board and continues to make valuable contributions to the planning and promotion of the work. He attends Board meetings regularly and assumes any duties assigned to him either by the Board or by the administration.

THE REVEREND WILBUR HUTCHINS

Sanford

1963-1965

Mr. Hutchins has held a number of strong pastorates. At one time he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of High Point. For the past several years he has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sanford. His effectiveness continues to grow both in his church and in his service on the Children's Homes Board. He works tirelessly anywhere in the program that he is assigned.

DON BRYANT

Charlotte

1963-1970

Mr. Bryant is a mortician in the city of Charlotte. He is a member of the Myers Park Baptist Church of that city. For many years this church and the First Baptist Church of Greensboro have given more money to the Children's Homes through the Thanksgiving Offering than any other churches in the state. Mr. Bryant is now serving his second term on the Board and is completely loyal to its program. He has served as chairman of the executive committee, chairman of the Board and on numerous committees. He is also active in all civic and religious affairs of his home city.

TOM MCCURRY

Asheville

1964-1967

Mr. McCurry is a realtor from Asheville. He is a member of the Calvary Baptist Church. He served for one term and was rotated off in 1967. Mr. McCurry was regular in attendance at Board meetings and was always ready to serve whenever needed. He has a keen mind and has much to offer on any of our denominational boards.

THE REVEREND ROWLAND PRUETTE

Murfreesboro

1964-1967

Mr. Pruette served one term on the Board. No one has ever showed greater dedication to the work. At the time of his service he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of his city and in this position he was pastor of the majority of young people who attended Chowan College. His contribution to both institutions will long be felt by those who were living in or attending them during his years of service.

MRS. ARTHUR SMITH

Charlotte

1965-1970

Mrs. Smith served one term on the Board and rotated off in 1970. She is a person of unusual ability and her talents are many. She is the wife of the popular entertainer, Arthur Smith, who directs both a radio program and a television show. Mrs. Smith

yields first place to none in her interest in the homeless children of her state. She is also a very active church leader in her community. During her years on the Board, she served as secretary.

TOM CLAYTON

Sylva

1965-1970

Mr. Clayton is manager of the Sylva branch of the Nantahala Power and Light Company. He belongs to the Scotts Creek Baptist Church. He is very active in the church and civic affairs of the surrounding area, and particularly in his own church program. Tom and his brothers and sisters lost their parents while they were very young. The children were brought to Mills Home where they were reared. While there they finished high school and went on to institutions of higher learning for greater educational opportunities. They are all making excellent contributions in the communities where they live. Naturally Tom knows the work as few who have served on the Board. Certainly he gives to this program his very best thought, energies, and talents. Perhaps no one loves the Homes more than he. Other than his home at Scotts Creek, Mills Home is the only home to which he can return and say, "This is truly MY HOME!" Tom has served on a number of important committees, including the one to locate the Western Home.

THE REVEREND RANDOLPH GREGORY

Wilmington

1966-1969

Mr. Gregory has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington for many years. He has served as chairman of many of the most important committees of our Baptist State Convention, including the powerful General Board. Mr. Gregory is apparently as interested in one phase of Baptist work as another. He certainly is making a fine contribution to the Children's Homes Board of Trustees.

DR. ENGLISH JONES

Pembroke

1966-1969

Dr. Jones is a full-blooded Lumbee Indian, and proud of it. He has had the LL.D. degree conferred upon him by Wake Forest

University. He has held a number of pastorates, has taught in Pembroke College, and is now president of this institution, which was recently elevated to the status of University by the Legislature. (He is recognized far and wide for his leadership in the field of education and religion.) He is a member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention and is chairman of the social service committee. On the Children's Homes Board he has served as chairman of the budget committee and a member of the public relations committee.

GLENN W. BROWN
Waynesville
1968-1970

Mr. Brown is a prominent attorney in Haywood County. He has served the county in various capacities. He is a member of the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, a Sunday School teacher, and he serves in any capacity that his church delegates to him. He was first appointed to the Children's Homes Board at the Convention in November, 1967, and his term began January 1, 1968. He now is head of the committee to find money to build the Broyhill Home in his home county. He is apparently having great success in his efforts. With his unusual interest in the work he certainly will make an outstanding contribution to the North Carolina child care program.

W. OLIN REED
Kinston
1969-1970

Mr. Reed is an attorney in the city of Kinston. He was appointed to the Children's Homes Board of Trustees by the 1968 Baptist State Convention. His term of office began on January 1, 1969. Olin is the son of this author, a graduate of Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College, and the Wake Forest Law School. He is a member of the law firm known as Jones, Reed, and Griffin. Olin is a member of the First Baptist Church of Kinston and a teacher of the Adult Sunday School Men's Class. Since his parents lived at the Homes for many years, and since he practiced law with Jesse Jones, attorney for the Homes for about fifteen years, Olin knows a great deal about their purpose and operation. He has a great appreciation for the Homes. He should be able to make a fine contribution to the child care program of North Carolina Baptists.

Chapter VII

LOVE IN ACTION: WILLS, BEQUESTS, AND BUILDINGS, 1932-1970

All buildings at our several Homes were made possible by wills and bequests. In my research for the material of this Chapter, I have read many hundreds of wills. Often one wonders why some people leave their estates to educational institutions, or hospitals, or children's homes. I am convinced that it is their love and concerned care for people. They want children to have a home where they can have a chance in life. They want youth to have a chance to get an education and develop into good citizens. They want sick people to have a place where their bodies can be healed.

Our Children's Homes have received many wills and bequests because the donors had no children of their own, and they wanted to have a part in helping the children of others to a fuller life. Then, there are people who have lost a child in death and they want to do something in memory. One lady wrote me and said her son who was in college lost his life in an accident, and she wished to do something to help some other boy to have the chance her boy would have had if he had lived. One man called on his attorney and wanted to leave his farm to the Children's Homes in such a way that it could never be taken from them. I accompanied the attorney and we visited in the home. They had no children but were afraid that if they wrote a will some relative might bring pressure on them in their old age and cause them to change the will. The attorney suggested that they make a deed to the Children's Homes and let the Homes give them a written guarantee that they could use the farm just as they wished so long as either one lived, but they could not sell it. Not long after that the wife died and a relative came to live in the house with the husband. Then the husband wrote and wanted to get the deed back, but the attorney said it must not be made back to him. After his death several years later, the farm was sold and put into the endowment, and now this noble couple is making it possible for a number of children to have a better life and grow up in a Christian environment.

The wills that have come to the Homes have ranged from \$28 to about \$1,000,000. It is impossible in a short history to give details of them all, for there are several hundred. I can mention in detail only a few and show how they are connected with the buildings on the different campuses of the Baptist Children's Homes. So far as I can ascertain from the Children's Homes records, no building has been erected with any part of the money sent to the Homes by churches unless so specified. The buildings were all paid for by wills or bequests, and there is no doubt a story connected with each one.

Since Mills Home is the oldest of our Children's Homes, I shall first discuss the wills and bequests that have gone to that Home for buildings since 1932. Later in this chapter I shall discuss the wills that have gone to the other Homes.

THE GREEN COTTAGE
Dr. Kesler's Administration

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Green gave the money to build this building in 1924. Later in Dr. Greer's administration they gave cash in the amount of \$7,103.10 as endowment to help keep the building in repair. Then at their death they left in their will the sum of \$16,476.74 to be added to the above endowment. This came to the Home in 1938.

THE HUFFMAN COTTAGE
Dr. Greer's Administration
Miss Elmore, *Superintendent Mills Home*

This cottage is used for the oldest girls at Mills Home. During the administration of Dr. Kesler, a sum of money was left in the wills of Mr. Samuel Huffman and his wife, Martha Ann, of Morganton, North Carolina. Dr. Kesler wanted to use it to build a home for the general manager, but the Huffman children understood that their father and mother had meant for it to be used to build a cottage for children. So H. S. Stokes of Winston-Salem settled the argument by proposing to build a home for the general manager in memory of his wife's father, Dr. H. A. Brown, an outstanding Baptist minister. Of course this was immediately accepted by the Board of Trustees. Then in 1940, the Huffman children added to their father's gift enough money to erect the Huffman Cottage. The plaque on the building reads:

To the Glory of God and the well being of His Children
The Gift of Samuel and Martha Ann Huffman
That our Daughters May Be as the Polished Corners of the
Temple.

In this way the Home got two buildings instead of one. When Fred Huffman died in 1963, we received from his will an insurance policy of \$5,152.40 to go into endowment to help keep this building in repair.

THE WALLBURG FARM AND BUILDING
Dr. Greer's Administration
Miss Elmore, *Superintendent Mills Home*

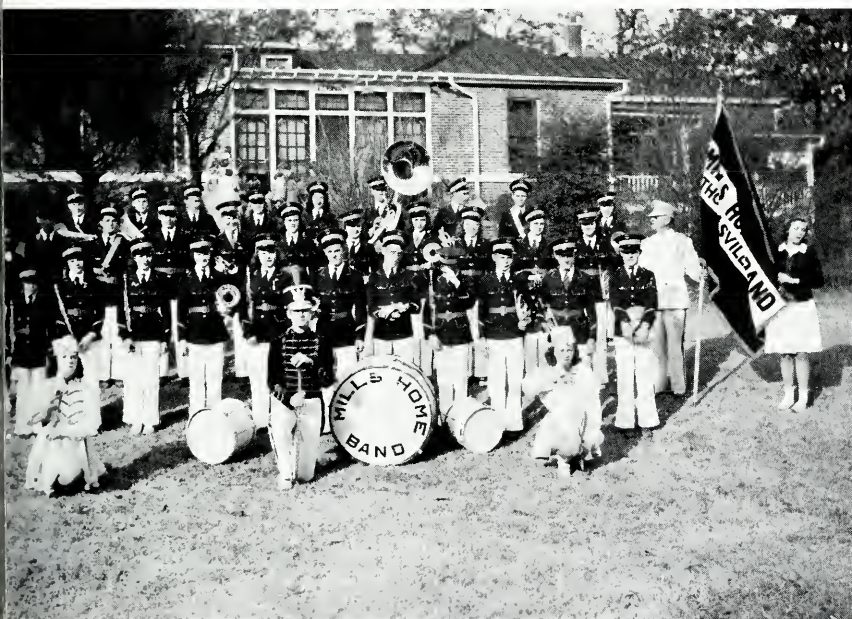
There is connected with the Wallburg property a good story. In its early days the Mills Home people would take a wagon over the rural areas surrounding Thomasville and collect produce to help feed the children. When they passed the home of C. M. Wall, his small son and other members of the family were discussing what they could give. The young son suggested that there was a large pumpkin in the field just below the house that could make a lot of pies for the children at Mills Home. His father agreed for him to give the pumpkin, so he wrestled with it for some time and finally got it up to the road. When the wagon returned by the Wall home, the young son was out there to see that it was placed on the wagon. This gift inspired in him a concern and love for those at Mills Home, and thereafter he was ever giving something to help with their support. Later this same boy grew into manhood and finally inherited the farm where he was reared. Here he reared his family, and when he and his wife died, it was contained in his will that this farm, with the exception of a burial plot for him and his wife, should go to Mills Home. In 1943 his boys built a dwelling on the farm. This building, along with some additions, houses twelve boys and the houseparents. The farm itself is cultivated under the supervision of the farm manager of the Homes.

THE BROYHILL FOOD LOCKER PLANT
Dr. Wall's Administration
Miss Elmore, *Superintendent Mills Home*

On August 22, 1947, Dr. Greer was authorized by the Trustees to build a Frozen Food Locker Plant at Mills Home and a somewhat smaller one at Kennedy Home. As soon as funds were available, plans were drawn and contracts let, but they were actually built under Dr. Zeno Wall's administration, since Dr.



Commercial Class, Mills Home High School



Mills Home High School Band and director W. B. Lord.



Library, Mills Home High School

Coach C. A. Kearns (left) and Dr. I. G. Greer (right) posed for photos with the 1938 Mills Home football squad. Kearns was later to serve as superintendent of Mills Home.





Coach H. P. Naylor and
a Mills Home basketball
team of the mid-1920's.



Class of 1927

Mills Home, Class of 1931





Kennedy Home, Class of 1935

Mills Home, Class of 1941





Kennedy Home, Class of 1950



Mills Home, Class of 1955



Kennedy Home, Class of 1960



Mills Home, Class of 1966

Mills Home Christmas, 1949





Mills Home barn



Vocational agricultural students from Mills Home High School usually exhibited stock in the Davidson County Fair. Preparing for the 1940 fair were (left to right) Garland Williams, Troy Crawford, Roy Bowers, Charlie Godwin, and Bill Sisk.



Charles M. Carroll (left) and Franklin Bailey in Mills Home shoe shop, 1949.

Faircloth Dining Hall, Mills Home, Early 1900's



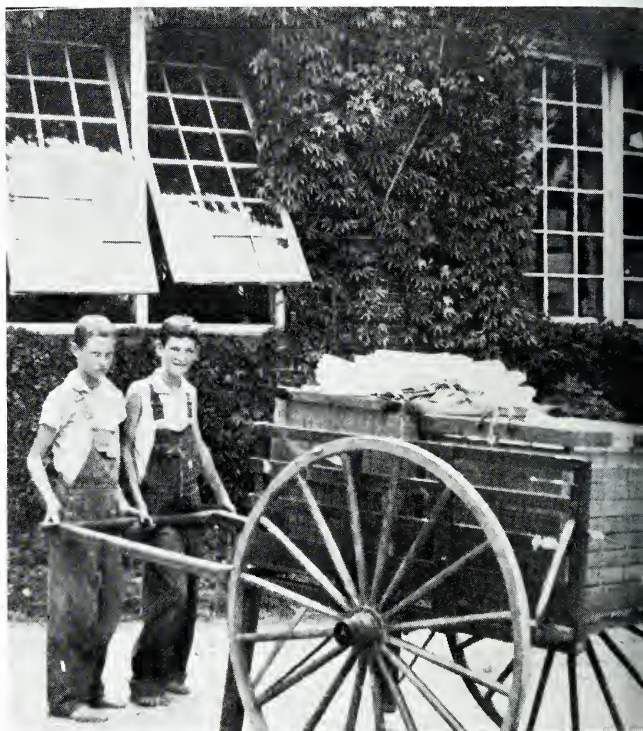


Original Charity and Children print shop

Charity and Children Print Shop, 1930's



Mills Home laundry boys—1942.



An alumni group attending an early 1940's homecoming at Mills Home were members of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage family during the John Mills administration.





Baptist Children's Homes trustees meeting in 1935 posed for photographs at the marker of the site of the hickory tree on the Mills Home campus under which the first annual meeting was held, August 5, 1885.

A mid-fifties G. A. coronation at Mills Home Baptist Church featured (left to right) Thelma Hinson, Susie Jones, Nell Hoyle, Helen McGhee, Becky Jo Harris, Dixie Fincannon and Pat Harris.





E. C. Wilkie, a Mills Home product, later served as pastor of the Kennedy Home Baptist Church. He is seen in this photograph administering the ordinance of baptism in the Kennedy Home pool.



In 1926, the L. L. Allen family was the first to receive Mother's Aid from the Baptist Children's Homes. The family included Mrs. Allen (center), daughters (left to right) Lela, and Edna Ginn, and sons, W. Lawson and Leonard A.

Boy Scouts, Mills Home, 1960's



Greer resigned in 1948. The locker at Mills Home was financed by a number of people, but the Broyhill family of Lenoir gave the greater part of the money, so the building was named in their honor. A home for the plant manager was built about the same time by money from small, unspecified wills.

THE IDOL BUILDINGS AT MILLS HOME

Reed's Administration

KEARNS, *Superintendent Mills Home*

Miss Lelia Mae Idol, a nurse, wrote her will in 1938. She left all her property to the Baptist Children's Homes. It was to be used in some way to memorialize her mother. In 1944 her brother, Robert M. Idol, wrote a will and specified that the two estates should be combined and used in the same way. He left almost all of his estate to the Children's Homes. He specified that a church should be built in memory of his mother, an infirmary in memory of his sister, another building where children could be taught to work, and enough in endowment to keep these buildings in good repair. When the wills were probated in 1949, Miss Lelia's estate was valued at \$96,000 and Mr. Robert's at \$586,127. The majority of their holdings were in Reynolds and other stocks. Fortunately for the Home, the stock market was rising at that time; so by the time we got ready to use the money it was worth nearly one million dollars. We realized enough money from their estates to build the beautiful "Sarah Maston Idol Church," the "Lelia M. Idol Infirmary," the "Robert M. Idol Print Shop," and set aside \$100,000 in endowment. We still had enough money from these combined requests to build a recreational area including an excellent recreational building. This building was named in honor of Dr. I. G. Greer, "The Greer Recreational Building." Mr. Idol had suggested to Dr. Greer that they name some building in his honor, but Dr. Greer never mentioned this until the Trustees decided to name it in his honor. Then he reluctantly told that part of the story.

The story as told by Dr. Greer is about as follows: Dr. Greer had spoken in Winston-Salem one Sunday morning on the subject of the Children's Homes. The message was broadcast over radio, and Mr. Idol was one of the listeners. Later Mr. Idol called Dr. Greer on the telephone and said he liked what he said about the work at the Children's Homes. Then he asked Dr. Greer to visit him at his convenience. They discussed the work that they were undertaking for the children, and the result was that Mr. Idol wrote his will leaving the greater part of his estate to the Homes.

No doubt his close friend and one of the trustees, H. S. Stokes, also played a prominent part in helping Mr. Idol to decide how best to use his fortune that he had accumulated by hard work and careful investments.

Mr. Idol had a provision in his will that enough money should be set aside to place fresh flowers on his mother's, his sister's, and his own grave once a week from April 1 to September 30 and on special occasions, such as Easter and birthdays. The First National Bank, which was the executor of the wills, offered to do this for the Homes for the income from 400 shares of Reynolds stocks. This amount was placed with this bank and the other endowment from these two estates was placed in their care also. The endowment has increased since it was placed with the bank and the upkeep of these buildings will never cost Baptists a single penny.

THE LITTLE COTTAGE

Reed's Administration

Kearns, *Superintendent Mills Home*

Dr. W. S. Little of Davie County left in his will in the early part of the century an amount of money that was used to build a combination sanctuary and school auditorium. It was attached to the old school building. Then when we sent our children up town to school and decided to put the new church plant where the old school building was located, of course the school plant including the auditorium-sanctuary building had to be razed. It was decided to memorialize Dr. Little by erecting a cottage for children. This is known as the "Little Cottage." A suitable plaque is placed on the front of the building. This building was erected by small, undesignated wills.

THE CULLER COTTAGE

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Sparrow, *Superintendent Mills Home*

In 1945 Roy Culler, a member of the Board of Trustees and a prominent furniture manufacturer of High Point, announced to the Trustees that he was going to start a fund to build a cottage on the Mills Home campus in honor of Mrs. Culler and himself. At that time he made a substantial gift and planned to add to this each year until enough money would be available for the project. The cottage was built in 1959 at a cost of \$81,633. Although Mr. Culler died before the cottage was finished, he still lives on in the lives of the largest boys at Mills Home. As they go out to make a better world, he will be a vital part of all they do. Since the building

was finished, Mrs. Culler has given furniture, shrubs and flowers to be placed around it. It ranks among the best buildings on the Mills Home campus.

THE SPAINHOUR MUSIC BUILDING
Dr. Wagoner's Administration
Sparrow, *Superintendent Mills Home*

The J. E. Spainhours, wonderful people from North Wilkesboro, relatives of Mrs. Willie Greer, sent money each year to ultimately erect a building in their memory. When they passed away the total of their gifts for this purpose amounted to \$17,000. In 1963 Dr. Wagoner was authorized to add to this sum certain undesignated wills to erect a home for the music family. The building was to contain rooms for piano practice and one room sufficiently large for choir practice. It is named the Spainhour Music Building in memory of the principal donors, and perhaps no building on the campus is used more or has greater meaning to the children than this one.

SADLER LIBRARY BUILDING AT MILLS HOME
Dr. Wagoner's Administration
Sparrow, *Superintendent Mills Home*
1965

Mrs. J. Leland Sadler was born and reared in Hertford, North Carolina. Her early education was in the schools of her home county. From there she entered Meredith College and remained until she had earned an A.B. degree. Then she went to Georgia as a teacher. While teaching she met Mr. J. L. Sadler and they began a courtship that ultimately ended in marriage.

Mr. Sadler was engaged in the distribution of Pure Oil products, and accumulated a small fortune. After his death, Mrs. Sadler came to Mills Home for a short visit. Dr. Wagoner personally took her through the church, the recreational building, one or two of the cottages, showed her the campus, and told her about the work in general. She insisted that she must move on and was soon on her way back to her home in Anderson, South Carolina.

Two or three years later Dr. Wagoner was notified that she had died and left a will and that the Children's Home shared in the remainder interest. She had specified that one half of the remainder interest of the Sadler estate would go to her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Rankin of Conway, South Carolina, and the other half to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. This money was used to build and furnish the Sadler Library at a cost of \$143,000. The bal-

ance of \$10,000 was put in endowment, the income from which will be used to help keep the library building in good repair and to buy books as needed.

One wonders why this good woman made this disposition of her property. Perhaps we will never know the full details, but the money for the first cottage that was ever erected at Mills Home, the Mitchell Cottage, came from Hertford, North Carolina, where she was born and reared. No doubt this fact had some influence on her decision to leave part of her estate to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina.

I shall never forget when this library was dedicated on May 11, 1965. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rankin were present, and I do not believe I have ever seen two happier people. This attitude showed not only love for children in need, but also an unselfishness seldom found in people these days.

THE YORK COTTAGE
Dr. Wagoner's Administration
Sparrow, Superintendent Mills Home

Never to be forgotten is the day in 1956 when W. M. York of Greensboro, who had served for several years as attorney for the Children's Homes, announced that he was retiring from the practice of law. He was that year being rotated off the Baptist Children's Homes Board of Trustees. In making the announcement he said that as a young man and member of the First Baptist Church of Greensboro he decided that he would faithfully tithe his income. Not only did he practice law, but he also had an interest in the Newnan Machine Company. This prospered beyond all expectations and soon he had a rather substantial income. He continued to give through his church very liberally, but also set up the "York Foundation." Part of his tithe he put in this foundation to be later used for some worthy cause. Now he said that he and his wife had talked the matter over and wanted to build a family style cottage at Mills Home. He immediately turned over to the administration \$90,770. This cottage was to be built in memory of their small daughter, Dorothy Dalton York, who died in infancy. In doing this he stressed the fact that none of this money was his. It belonged to the Lord, for it had been accumulated out of his tithe. Later he added a few more thousand dollars to this initial gift to finish the building. Mr. York is again serving on the Board of Trustees and no one ever loved the work more than he and his wife.

THE BRIGHT-BROWN COTTAGE
Dr. Wagoner's Administration
Sparrow, Superintendent Mills Home

In 1966 the Baptist Children's Homes received in excess of \$40,000 from the estate of the late Dr. James Henri Brown and his wife, Bernice Bright Brown of Raleigh. In her will, Mrs. Brown directed that the Homes construct a new cottage on the Mills Home campus at Thomasville.

The Bright-Brown Cottage, a family style cottage for twelve boys and girls was completed in 1968. It is the fourth of its type to be built by the Children's Homes and the second on the Mills Home campus. The cottage has centrally located kitchen, dining, living, and playrooms with adequate space for houseparents and bedrooms for boys and girls.

THE STOKES COTTAGE
Dr. Wagoner's Administration
Sparrow, Superintendent Mills Home

H. S. Stokes was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Children's Homes of North Carolina for a total of fourteen years. He gave the money to build the general suprintendent's house in memory of his wife's father, Dr. H. A. Brown.

No man ever had greater love for this program of child care than did Mr. Stokes; so about a year ago his son, Colon, an official in the Reynolds Tobacco Company of Winston-Salem, decided to erect a family style cottage in memory of his father and in honor of his mother. The building was completed in 1970 at a cost of something more than \$100,000. Twelve children are happily housed there now. Nothing but love for God and homeless children could bring forth such a noble gift.

THE DOYLE MCFARLAND ESTATE
Dr. Wagoner's Administration
Sparrow, Superintendent Mills Home
1968-1970

Shortly before Dr. I. G. Greer resigned as general superintendent, he called me one Saturday morning and asked me to fill an appointment for him. He had been struck with a bad case of laryngitis. He was to speak at the Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, just on the outskirts of Sanford, at a homecoming on Sun-

day. When I arrived and told the pastor that Dr. Greer was ill and could not possibly keep the engagement and had sent me to substitute for him, I do not believe I have ever seen any man so disappointed. This was the first time I had met the pastor, and of course we both knew I could not fill the place of Dr. Greer—no one could do that. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland were members of that church, and so far as I know this was the first time I had ever met them. I returned to that church many times thereafter.

A few years later I had a letter from the Reverend Roy Morris, pastor of the East Sanford Baptist Church, my roommate at Wake Forest, and a close friend of the McFarlands, stating that I should contact Mr. McFarland. He gave us a \$5,000 check for our educational fund. Mr. Morris informed me that they had no children and that they had a great interest in the Baptist Children's Homes. Thereafter I visited them a number of times.

During this time his wife died, and Mr. McFarland wrote his last will in 1957. When he died in 1968 the Children's Homes received a copy of his will and we found that he had left one-half the residue of his estate to Elon Orphanage and one-half to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. All claims are now settled and we have received \$902,420 and our treasurer informs me that we will receive more in the future. The total will benefit the Homes about \$1,000,000.

What caused this outstanding businessman to leave his fortune to care for homeless children? Perhaps no one knows, but several factors must have entered into this decision. They had no children and he had great interest in children and young people. Then as a lad growing up into manhood he had to undergo a great deal of hardship. But without a doubt Mr. Roy Morris played a considerable part in creating in Mr. McFarland a great interest in the work of our Children's Homes. He will be memorialized by the McFarland General Administration Building which is now under construction. Perhaps most of this great gift will go to the endowment fund to help support the work of child care, as it expands in the future.

THE CRAVER COTTAGE AT MILLS HOME

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Sparrow, *Superintendent Mills Home*

1968

Mr. Craver, a bachelor who lived in the community near where Dr. Wagoner was reared, died in 1966. He was a rather wealthy man who had accumulated his fortune by hard work and careful

investments. He seldom attended any church, but when he passed away and the will was probated it was found that he had made bequests to several relatives, eleemosynary institutions, and the Baptist Children's Homes. The latter received in excess of \$750,000. A cottage has been erected and named in his memory and the remainder of the estate has been placed in endowment to help care for children during the coming centuries.

During his lifetime he had been visited by Dr. Greer and Dr. Wagoner. He always expressed concern for the well-being of the children. Perhaps the fact that the president of the Homes, Dr. Wagoner, was from the same general neighborhood had much to do with his decision to leave this gift to the Homes.

KENNEDY HOME BUILDING
1932-1969

Mozelle Pollock

Dr. Greer's Administration

Joseph Hough, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

This building was made possible by Dr. B. W. Spilman and is discussed in detail in the Chapter entitled, "Dr. Greer's Administration."

CANADY BUILDING 1936

Dr. Greer's Administration

Joseph Hough, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

This building was made possible by Mr. J. H. Canady and is fully discussed in the Chapter entitled, "Dr. Greer's Administration."

COLUMBUS-CANNON BUILDING

Dr. Wall's Administration

Reed, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

While I was at Kennedy Home, some pastors from the Columbus Association approached me about their association raising money to erect a cottage at Kennedy Home. Of course both Dr. Greer and I were pleased with the suggestion. After a three year period they had raised a little more than forty thousand dollars. We combined this with an estate left to the Homes by Mrs. Florence Cannon of Atlanta, Georgia, in the amount of \$32,282. The total cost of the building was \$81,000. The balance of nearly \$9,000 was taken from undesignated wills. This building was completed in 1950.

Mrs. Cannon's statement in her will is quite interesting. She did

not know the name of our organization, so she stated in the will that she had visited many times with friends in Lilesville, North Carolina, and they gave regularly to a Home that cared for dependent children. She said that she wanted her entire estate to go to that same Home. Since her friends were loyal Baptists and gave regularly to the Baptist Children's Homes, there was no question about the interpretation of the will.

THE KENNEDY HOME CHURCH BUILDING
Dr. Greer's Administration
Reed, Superintendent Kennedy Home

This beautiful and commodious building was made possible by wills left by Miss Augustine Parker of Bertie County and Mrs. Corine Parker of Vance County (no relation). Miss Augustine's will was drawn in 1952. She left the income from a small portion of her estate to her sister during her lifetime, and then this portion was to revert to the three institutions mentioned in the will. The sister died before the will was settled, so her part was sold and divided just as the will specified. The entire estate was to be divided into three equal parts. One part was to come to the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina; a second part was to go to the Salvation Army; and the third part was to go to Boy's Town, the Catholic home for boys in Nebraska. Each of the other organizations asked the Baptists of North Carolina to handle the entire estate and send them their pro rata shares. The estate was settled in 1954 and each of the organizations received a total of \$87,438.03. Miss Parker was a Baptist and a highly cultured and educated music teacher. She studied both in this country and abroad. One of her neighbors told me the following story as we tried to reason why it was so divided: she was very faithful to her church until one Sunday some minister preached a sermon against the Catholic Church. She never attended church again. She had no inclination to any other church than the Baptist, but she did not believe any minister had a right to criticize any other denomination. She believed in complete freedom of religion. Hence, she decided to leave her estate as above specified rather than leaving it all to the Baptists. Whether this circumstance really played a part in her decision we will never know.

Mrs. Corine Parker of Vance County drew her will in 1919. She left some farming land to the Children's Homes and offered to give her home place provided Baptists would build a Home for dependent children there. This last offer was not considered wise

by the Trustees so it was rejected. In 1950 we received a total of \$15,000 from her estate. This was combined with Miss Augustine's share of her estate that she left to the Baptist Homes and the beautiful church building was erected in their memory. Of course the bronze plaque carries both names.

THE PASTORIUM AT KENNEDY HOME

Reed's Administration

Smith, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

The pastorium at Kennedy Home was erected in 1956 with money that came to us from two wills. In 1938 Miss Sallie Barker of Hertford, North Carolina, wrote a will leaving to the Children's Homes the residue of her estate. In 1954 we received \$7,212.47. This was combined with the Mrs. Varina Cheshire estate of Edenton. Mrs. Cheshire left a remainder interest in her estate to the Children's Homes. For two years prior to her death, Mr. and Mrs. Holman lived in her home, looked after her, and cared for her every need. She wanted to make some changes in her will to repay them for their services, but the doctors advised against it. They said that with her mind as it was a will would be worthless. So after her death some of our friends wrote us about the case. Dr. Greer, chairman of the Board, Mr. Riman Muth, Treasurer, Mr. Ingram Hedgepeth, our attorney, Mr. W. A. Smith of Kennedy Home, and I made a trip to Edenton to see what arrangements we could make to satisfy, if possible, all concerned. Under the agreement we gave the Holmans \$3,500 to put the old Cheshire house in good condition and signed a contract with them allowing them to occupy the old home as long as either of them lives. They are to pay all taxes, insurance, and keep the home in good repair. At their death, it will come to the Children's Homes. We received from the remainder of the estate \$22,971.26. This combined with the Barker's \$7,212.26 was sufficient to build and equip the pastorium. Every pastor at Kennedy Home since then has been very proud to call this "home."

THE MARY V. JONES SWIMMING POOL

REED'S ADMINISTRATION

Smith, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

Miss Mary V. Jones of Winston-Salem made her will in 1948. She left the residue of her estate to be divided among five child caring institutions—the Odd Fellows Orphanage of Goldsboro; the Children's Home (Methodist) of Winston-Salem; the Moravian Orphanage; the Bethel Orphanage of Alaska; and the Baptist Chil-

dren's Homes of North Carolina. She died in 1952 and each of the organizations received \$26,451.77. The Baptists used their share of the money to build a beautiful swimming pool at Kennedy Home. Perhaps the children at Kennedy Home get more joy from this than any other facility at the Home. It does more to help adjust homesick children than anything else we possess. A bronze plaque identifies its donor.

THE BUNKER COTTAGE

Reed's Administration

Smith, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

Mr. C. W. Bunker of Mt. Airy was a grandson of one of the original Siamese Twins. When they came from Siam to America they took the name of Bunker, married sisters, and settled near Mt. Airy. As is well known they became rather wealthy and each had a large family. The father of Chris, a grandson of one of the original twins, inherited a large tract of land. It seems that Chris was an only child, and so this land was left with the provision that if Chris should die without children of his own the land would come to the Baptist Children's Homes. This homeplace was known as the Haystack Farm. It was so named by Daniel Boone, according to Chris, because Daniel Boone in his wanderings from east to west stopped here in the spring and in the fall. While camping here he put up enough hay from the rich river bottom to care for his stock. The farm also had a good boundary of timber.

Chris, the grandson of one of the twins, became ill and had to go to Duke Hospital for surgery. There the doctors told him that he must give up all farming, so he called me one day and said he would like to sell his interest in the farm. The doctors at Duke assured him that he would never have a child. Now he wanted to sell his interest and build a home nearer some town where he could get out and visit with friends more, and more easily get his groceries. He built a house near a community store and has lived in it for more than twenty years. He and Mrs. Bunker are very happy with all our dealings.

When I asked him on my first visit what price he would consider fair for his share, he said that he thought he should have at least \$15,000. When a committee from our Board of Trustees consulted a real estate dealer, he said he could sell it for at least \$45,000. The Superior Court, which was then in session at Mt. Airy, said considering his age and that of his wife the estate should be divided 50-50, so we offered him \$22,500. He readily accepted.

We sold the farm for \$67,000. Later we bought property in Mt. Airy from Mr. Bunker in which he had a life estate. This was sold at a considerable profit. The two sums were combined to build the Bunker Cottage. Mr. Chris attended the dedication of the cottage at Kennedy Home. He was a very happy man as he viewed this beautiful cottage and realized that, since he could have no children of his own, he could for years to come have a part in helping others to grow into good citizens. We later received an additional \$35,350 from this will. This is in the endowment and now Mr. Chris will help to support homeless children as long as Baptists continue this great work.

THE FROZEN FOOD LOCKER PLANT
Dr. Wall's Administration
Reed, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

Soon after the Frozen Food Locker Plant at Mills Home was finished, we combined a number of undesignated wills and built a similar plant at Kennedy Home, but somewhat smaller. It was named the "Brogden Building" in honor of Mr. E. W. Brogden, who spent the greater part of his life at Kennedy Home working with and for the children.

THE WORKMAN BUILDING
Reed's Administration
Smith, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

A few years after the Frozen Food Locker Plant was finished at Kennedy Home, we came into possession of the George C. Workman estate near Lexington. Mr. Workman was a farmer who lived in Davidson County. He never married. The estate was sold for enough money to build a comfortable building for the manager of the Food Plant. Willie Walker, who was then manager of the Brogden Building, moved into this house. He still lives there. It is one of the most liveable houses on the campus.

THE FEREBEE COTTAGE
Reed's Administration
Smith, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

In 1957 I received a letter from the Reverend A. C. McCall, pastor of Sawyer's Creek Baptist Church. He stated that one of his members, Mr. H. C. Ferebee of Camden, North Carolina, would like to meet me in the Elizabeth City Hotel some time be-

fore Christmas. I immediately wrote Mr. Ferebee and we agreed upon a date for the meeting. We met in the hotel and had lunch together. He was a prominent farmer of that community and informed me that he and his family would like to build a cottage at Kennedy Home as soon as funds could be provided. Then he said he would give \$10,000 before Christmas and \$5,000 each year thereafter until enough funds were available to erect the building. I suggested that perhaps he would like to give the second \$5,000 early in 1958 and let us lend him the remainder from our endowment and make notes for \$5,000 per year with the same rate of interest we were getting from our endowment funds. This appealed to him. In this way he would be able to see the children living in the Ferebee cottage. Notes as agreed were drawn and the building was finished and dedicated in 1959. He and his entire family attended the dedication and all were greatly pleased that they had provided the cottage for this worthy cause. The plaque carries the names of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ferebee, Mrs. Mary F. Wynn, Henry Clay III, and Edwin. The notes are now paid in full. I attended Mr. Ferebee's funeral in 1968 and his daughter, Mrs. Wynn, said she was the last one to bring him to Kennedy Home to see the building and the children who were living there. He was extremely happy to see how beautifully they were developing. Their gift has made possible the training of a host of children. All members of this fine family will live on in the lives of hundreds of children.

THE WILLIAMS COTTAGE

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Williams, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

While I was superintendent at Kennedy Home the Reverend Charles Howard conducted a revival meeting at the Baptist Church of Stantonburg. As he returned to his home at Buies Creek he stopped by Kennedy Home for a short visit with us. While he was here he informed me that Mrs. Lanie Williams would like for me to visit her in her home at Stantonburg. I immediately called her, and Mrs. Reed and I visited her at the time agreed upon. She said that she and her late husband, Mr. Alex Williams, had talked very much about a will, but never had it drawn and now he had passed on. They had no children, but as she said they had worked very hard and now owned a valuable farm. She said she wished to draw a will and leave the farm to Kennedy Home to erect a building for children in honor of her husband and herself. Then

we visited her attorney in Stantonburg and he drew the will according to her wishes. Her house was left to her sister, certain moneys and other valuables were left to other relatives, and the farm was left to the Baptist Children's Homes. In 1968 this farm was sold for a total of \$105,000. This money was used the same year to build a family type cottage where brothers and sisters live together. The children adjust much better when whole families can live in the same cottage. Although Mr. and Mrs. Williams had no children of their own, they have made it possible for hundreds of children to have a better future.

THE BRYANT COTTAGE

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Williams, Superintendent Kennedy Home

This cottage is exactly like the Williams Cottage and was built by the same builders at the same time, in 1968. I wish that every Baptist in the state could visit one of these cottages. The children appear to be well adjusted.

The late Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bryant of Aberdeen made their will and specified that their estate should be equally divided between Mills Home at Thomasville and Kennedy Home near Kinston. The Trustees authorized the erection of a family-style cottage on the Kennedy Home Campus to serve children in a home-like atmosphere. Now Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bryant live not only in their celestial home, but in the lives of the boys and girls who are growing up into stable adults because someone cared enough to make this building possible. Incidentally, only twelve children and their house-parents live in the cottage. It is very much like a large family. It was my privilege to visit Mrs Bryant along with her pastor sometime after her husband died. She was not at all well at the time, but happy to know that a considerable part of their estate would go to enrich the lives of neglected children.

TWO STAFF RESIDENCES

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Williams, Superintendent Kennedy Home

The staff residences were erected at the same time that the two family type cottages were built in 1968. They were built with money that had come to us through a will by Miss Lillian A. Williams of Wilson. From this will we received \$36,009. Enough undesignated funds were added to complete the two buildings.

THE DAIRY BARN

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Williams, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

For several years all milk was produced at Mills Home and sold in sufficient quantities to buy back pasteurized milk for all our children in each Home. All beef and pork was grown at Kennedy Home. This continued until 1968 when the milking barn at Mills Home was condemned. Since feed for cows can be grown more economically at Kennedy Home than at Mills Home, it was decided in 1968 to build a new dairy barn at Kennedy Home and produce all milk at this Home. About \$50,000 worth of timber was sold off the Kennedy Home farm and enough money from undesignated wills was added to this sum to erect and equip one of the most modern dairies in the South. Now all milk is produced at Kennedy Home and sold on the market. Pasteurized milk is bought back on competitive bids for all the Homes. This plan seems to be working well. They are now milking about 100 cows. The swine and much of the beef continues to be grown at Kennedy Home.

W. H. JONES INFIRMARY

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Williams, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

Mrs. Lula B. Jones grew up at Kennedy Home and at Mills Home. She and her husband, the late W. H. Jones of Kinston, have been very generous to the Children's Homes through the years. Mr. Jones, a businessman and tobacco farmer, was as much interested in the work as Mrs. Jones. They contributed the chimes to the church at Kennedy Home. He and Mrs. Jones planned to build an infirmary at Kennedy Home. Forty thousand dollars of his estate was designated for this building. The building was completed at a cost of \$60,388.99, the balance coming from undesignated wills. Normal capacity will be eight children, with provision for extra beds in time of epidemic or emergency. A two-bedroom apartment makes it possible for the nurse to be on hand at all times. The Joneses, through their generosity, will always have a part in the health of the children at Kennedy Home.

THE ROBINSON RECREATION CENTER

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

Williams, *Superintendent Kennedy Home*

The late Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Robinson of Sampson County, lifelong friends of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, planned for the residue of their estates to go to the homes at their decease. This provided approximately \$90,000 to be used in the

construction of the C. I. Robinson Recreation Center on the Kennedy Home campus.

PEMBROKE CHILDREN'S HOME

ODUM HOME

Dr. Wagoner's Administration

The Reverend Chesley Hammond, *Superintendent Odum Home*

The Odum Cottage at Pembroke was built for Indian children. It houses twelve boys and twelve girls in separate wings. Each wing is provided with living quarters for houseparents. The entire building is under one roof. It was built by combining the Garwood estate, the Montgomery estate, and a large number of undesignated wills at a cost of over \$135,000. It is our most expensive and one of our finest buildings for the occupancy of children. This is because the entire program at Pembroke is promoted from this one building. It was named in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus W. Odum who in 1914 gave to the Robeson Baptist Association a tract of land near the town of Pembroke for the "Betterment of Indian Children."

This survey brings us to a grand total of around \$4,000,000 from wills and bequests to be used for the erection of new buildings, playgrounds, and swimming pools. The gifts were given by thirty different people and range from \$7,000 to \$1,000,000, with an average of \$133,333 per bequest.

Numerous other people have left bequests ranging from a few dollars to \$36,000 not specified in connection with buildings. I wish it were possible to write the story of each donor, for many gave all they had and thereby showed their great love for children in need. Without their bequests, many of the buildings at the Children's Homes could not have been built. The following alphabetical list supplies the names of these donors and, when known, their place of residence and the date of receipt of their bequest:

Abernethy, Frank—St. Augustine, Florida

Adams, Tilman—Vilas, 1957

Albertson, Louise F.—Guilford County

Albright, Mrs. Emma A. Graham, 1946

Algood, C.—Yadkinville, 1932

Allen, Mrs. B. S.—Warrenton, 1939

Allen, Johnnie (an alumnus and pitcher for the New York Giants), 1962.

Anderson, Albert—Sylva, 1965

Angle, Mary Burnette—(to be received after sister's death)

Aydlett, Nina Y.—Moyock (reverts to us after relatives' death)

Barker, J. S.—Wake County, 1940

- Barnhill, Mrs. Etta—Bladen County
Bass, William P.—New Hanover County, 1960
Battle, John Thomas—Johnson County, 1942
Blanton, Mrs. Nancy—Marion
Bolton, J. T.—Northampton County, 1945
Bolen, R. C.
Bond, Elizabeth E., 1942
Brewer, Mrs. S. A.—North Wilkesboro, 1942
Bridger, Henry C.—Bladenboro, 1939
Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. J. B.—Madison County, 1944
Brown, Mrs. A. J.—Durham, 1941
Brown, Alice Loftin—Warsaw, 1939
Brown, Mrs. Bernice—Raleigh, 1953
Brown, Mrs. Sue Ella—Winston-Salem, 1955
Bundy, Mrs. Martha Sessoms—Cabarrus County, 1938
Carroll, Delia G.—Raleigh, 1967
Carter, W. L.—Greensboro—Trust fund in perpetuity.
Chester, Mrs. Mary C.—Lenoir
Clodfelter—Forsyth County, 1964
Coleman, Miss Willa Phelps—Warrenton, 1966
Constance, C. Hardee—Madison County, Florida, 1964
Cox, Mrs. Sarah B.—Tabor City, 1954
Daugherty, Mrs. Percy York—To revert to Baptist Children's Homes
Davis, Isaiah T. (alumnus of Mills Home), St. Petersburg, Florida, 1958
Dean, Miss Annie—Rockingham
Delancy, Elizabeth—Guilford County
Elliott, James E.—Thomasville, 1942
English, Nereus C.—Thomasville
Eure, Judith R.—Washington, 1964
Eury, Mary Polly—Albemarle
Falls, George Sanderlin—Gaston County, 1967
Featherston, H. Cam.—Asheville, 1946
Ferguson, Anne—Concord, 1946
Ferguson, F. C.—Rocky Mount, 1937
Finch, Harry Brown, 1959
Finch, Thomas A., Sr., 1943
Fletcher, J. R.—Winston-Salem, 1936
Fox, R. L.—Wilmington, 1945
Furr, J. W.—Cabarrus County, 1942
Gaddy, C. W.—Stanly County, 1968
Gappines, Mrs. Coy—Columbus County, 1959

- Glascoe, O. G.—Shelby, 1943
Green, Mrs. Julia—Greensboro, 1936
Greene, J. P. and Wife—Mocksville, 1938
Griffin, J. R.—Edenton, 1962
Griffin, W. H.—Pittsboro, 1962
Grogan, Solomon and Wife—Watauga County, 1949
Gupton, Cornie C.—Guilford County, 1967
Hagaman, Mrs. J. P.—Trust fund with income in perpetuity.
Hall, Miss Annie (former employee), 1944
Hamby, P. L.—Watauga County, 1937
Hampton, Miss Laura—Forsyth County, 1957
Hanes, Mrs. Martha, 1950
Harris, Addie Roe—Pittsboro, 1956
Hartsell, Mrs. Eliza—Union County, 1932
Hayes, Melvin Hill—Wise, 1950
Haynes, E. I.—Lumberton, 1941
Hayworth, Mrs. Minnie Esther—Davidson County, 1965
Herring, James T.—Clinton, 1960
Herring, Miss Nonie O.—Kinston, 1968
Higgins, John Arthur—Davidson County, 1963
Hines, E. N.—Forsyth County, 1953
Hoffman, Mrs. Ida Mae—Monroe, 1947
Hofler, Sallie A.—Gates County, 1943
Holden, L. B.—Davidson County
Holt, Jesse—Burlington, 1963
Holtzclaw, Mrs. Carrie—Haywood County
Horne, F. R.—Fairmont, 1959
Horner, Thomas G.
Horton, Daisy C.—South Carolina, 1963
Horton, Obediah C.
Hudson, Jonah L.—Stanly County, 1952
Hudson, T. A.—Durham, 1952
Huffman, Fred—Morganton, 1963
Humphry, D. B.—Lumberton, 1942
Hunter, Willie N.—Hickory, 1962
Huntley, Mrs. Altha D.—Monroe, 1947
Hurdle, Susan A.—Edgecombe County, 1938
Ingle, Mrs. Lillie—Buncombe County, 1944
Jefferson, Mrs. J. H., 1950
Johnson, Amelia—Sanford, 1937
Jones, Pattie M.—Tyner, 1936
Jones, W. T.—Spokane, Washington, 1941

- Keith, B. F.—Wilmington, 1933
Kirksey, W. L.—Morganton, 1937
Lashley, T. R.—Apex, 1956
Lawrence, E. H.—Durham, 1954
Lawrence, Nellie B.—Pitt County, 1954
Leary, Miss Sarah Katherine
Lefevers, Mrs. Minton and two sisters
Lewis, Clara B., 1959
Little, Naomi—Taylorsville, 1952
Love, W. T.—Elizabeth City, 1947
Ludford, Enoch—Plymouth, 1933
Lufty Baptist Church—Smokemont, 1939
McAbee—Buncombe County, 1937
McIntosh, W. A., 1950
McNeil, Albert S.—North Wilkesboro
McNeil, Arch—Scotland Neck, 1956
Majette, Bettie S.—Hertford County, 1963
Marshburn, A. J.—Pender County, 1952
Martin, Elizabeth Greer—Johnson County, Tennessee, 1956
Martin, W. C.—Davie County, 1939
Merritt, Addie Mae—Person County, 1960
Merritt, Mrs. E. L.—Wake County, 1946
Miller, Charles—Buncombe County, 1957
Miller, J. R.—Fairmont, 1947
Mitchell, Dr. Wayland—Louisburg, 1952
Montgomery, Addie V.—Burlington, 1959
Moore, Mrs. Charles T.—Scotland Neck, 1936
Moore, R. H.—McDowell County, 1942
Moore, Mrs. S. E.—McDowell County, 1934
Morgan, J. C.—Henderson County, 1944
Morgan, Mrs. W. T.—Charlotte, 1944
Mosely, Mrs. Sarah G.—Warrenton, 1960
Murphy, W. D.—Iredell County, 1933
Myrick, Julia Williams—Worthville, 1953
Nicholson, Emma—Winston-Salem, 1962
Nixon, Emma R.—Hendersonville, 1962
Norman, Mrs. Claude—Edenton, 1955
Norwood, Loula C.—Wake County, 1953
O'Neal, Alda Tew—Guilford County, 1952
Owenby, R. L.—Macon County, 1959
Page, Mollie B.—Yanceyville, 1943

- Pennington, Henry A.—Chatham County. (Farm left to Homes after his death)
- Penny, W. S.—Raleigh. (Trust fund income to be sent to Homes every six months)
- Perry, W. M.—Youngsville, 1957
- Peters, T. F.—Wilson
- Pickler, Mrs. Mary Jane—Rowan County, 1944
- Pitt, Ada E.—Guilford County, 1937
- Pope, Martin E.—Halifax County, 1944
- Powell, Mrs. C. C.—Wilson, 1944
- Powers, Margaret Water—Craven County, 1957
- Pritchard, James T.—Buncombe County, 1956
- Reichard, Miss Sue Powell, 1934
- Reid, Ruby—Drexel, 1955
- Reynolds, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker—Albemarle, 1957
- Richmond, Wood (Richmond Memorial Fund. We receive one-third of interest each year in perpetuity.)
- Rogers, Mrs. Foy Peele—Bryson City, 1950
- Rose, Stephen W.—Norlina, 1955
- Sandling, Miss Dora—Franklinton, 1946
- Sandoe, Molly F.—Forsyth County, 1948
- Scarborough, Miss Cora Mia—Greensboro (Trust fund in perpetuity)
- Scarborough, Mary Alma—Wilmington, 1940
- Schaub, Alice C.—Apex, 1950
- Schilling, Eugene—Wake County, 1935
- Scott, Laura—Forsyth County. (Certain properties to come to Baptist Children's Homes after her death.)
- Seamon, Annie Yates, 1938
- Shackleford, M. Vance—Surry County. (One-half remainder interest after wife's death.)
- Sherman, Samuel—Yadkin County, 1946
- Shields, Charlie—Scotland Neck, 1948
- Smith, Jane—Greensboro, 1948
- Smithwick, Laura Gladys—Lexington, 1966
- Spikes, Dr. Norman Q.—Durham, 1953
- Spivey, Mrs. Mary H.—Randolph County, 1956
- Spruill, Sadie Short—Wake County, 1943
- Stone, Adolph E.—Wake County, 1961
- Surles, Mary C.—Robeson County, 1941
- Suther, Edna S.—Iredell County, 1962
- Swain, Eva S.—Yadkin County, 1968

- Swift, Lee—Watauga County
Talbert, Sallie Eagles—Edgecombe County, 1945
Tarlton, A. D.—Wadesboro, 1943
Teal, W. D.—Wadesboro, 1943
Thomas, William A., 1949
Thompson, D. C.—Bladen County, 1954
Thompson, John D.—Mount Airy, 1954
Thompson, William E.—Hoke County, 1960
Tillie, Clarence—Durham County, 1965
Todd, Mrs. Annie Brunes—Mecklenburg County, 1944
Tower, James L.—Raleigh, 1945
Townsend, Carrie Lee—Hoke County, 1967
Turner, R. L.—Tallahassee, Florida. (Comes to Homes after his death.)
Tuttle, J. Walter—Wallburg, 1948
Tyson, Ben M.—Lilesville, 1952
United Furniture Company, Lexington. (To honor the Hon. Cloyd Philpott.)
Utley, W. F.—Wake County, 1936
Valentine, James H.—Harrellsville, 1947
Warren, W. M.—Bailey, 1954
Washburn, Fred R.—Cleveland County, 1961
Washburn, Ida Dixon—Cleveland County, 1959
Watkins, Henry A.—Forsyth County. (Trust fund in perpetuity.)
Weeks, Mrs. Hattie
Wheeler, J. A.—Rowan County. (Trust fund to be paid annually in perpetuity.)
Whittaker, E. B.—Bryson City
Whitted, Levi R.—Buncombe County, 1961
Wiggs, Nora—Wake County, 1942
Williams, Randall—Sampson County, 1960
Williams, Walter M.—Burlington, 1959
Williams, Willie O.—Durham County, 1961
Williamson, Emory D.—Columbus County, 1941
Wilson, Ari Snider—Watauga County, 1955
Wilson, Carrie M.—Greenville, South Carolina, 1946
Wilson, Fred C.—Lexington, 1956
Wilson, Kate—Portsmouth, Virginia, 1939
Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Quince E.—Newton, 1953
Wilson, Z. M.—Lenoir, 1940
Woodhouse, P. C.—Yadkin County, 1932
Wooten, George R.—Hickory, 1951

Wrafe, Clari I.—Rockingham, 1961
Wray, Bertie C.—South Carolina, 1938
Wright, Mrs. Estelle P.—Elizabeth City, 1967
Wyatt, Mollie B.—Wake County, 1938
Yates, Alvis M.—Lenoir, 1950

The amount not designated for the construction of buildings totals more than \$1,870,000. There have been two hundred such wills, and many have been written that will come to us later. These various wills have ranged from \$28.00 to \$50,000. The average is \$5,435.

Chapter VIII

THE CHILDREN: CHURCH, SCHOOL, AND COTTAGE LIFE*

The Meaning of the Church to the Children

The churches of North Carolina have supported the Children's Homes since their beginning. Therefore, it is expected that the church will play a large part in the life of every child and every employee at the Homes. Each of the administrations of our Homes has been composed of deeply spiritual men and women. They have had great faith in God's power to heal broken hearts and broken lives. Many of the children who live at the Homes had never had any connection with the church or any of its programs. Perhaps our pastors have done more to dispel the gloom and bring harmony into the lives of the children than any others connected with the work. Most of the children accept Christ as Savior before they have lived in any one of our Homes very many months.

When John Mills founded Mills Home, the first thing he did was to begin religious services. Dr. Spilman says that the Lee Chapel, given by a grandmother in memory of her grandson, was among the first of the buildings erected. He further says that the chapel was used constantly. In the early days the superintendent or a nearby pastor conducted the services. The children of the Homes never spent a Sunday on the campus without having a chance to attend a religious service. In addition, Bible reading and prayers have been a daily habit in almost every cottage since the beginning of the work.

In July 1895, a note appears in *Charity and Children* saying that thirty-four children, one teacher, and eight officials had joined the church that year.

During the past several years both Mills Home and Kennedy Home have had full-time pastors. The late Dr. Norfleet Gardner served Mills Home Church, along with other duties, for a number of years. In 1929 he resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Dunn. Then the Reverend John Arch McMillan came to Mills Home as pastor of the church and assistant editor of *Charity and Children*. He served well in both positions until editor Johnson died and Mr. McMillan was selected as editor of *Charity and Children* on a full-time basis.

The general superintendent in his annual report to the Board of

* The sections on School and Cottage Life in this chapter were written by Mrs. W. C. Reed.

Trustees in 1934 says, "For the first time the Mills Home Church has a full-time pastor, the Reverend J. A. Neilson." The church made excellent progress under Mr. Neilson's able leadership until he resigned in 1946 to accept the call to the Immanuel Baptist Church in Greenville, North Carolina, where he remained until his death several years later. During Mr. Neilson's ministry at Mills Home the church moved forward in every phase of its work. His last written report was for 1944, the end of his ten years as pastor. The report says that he baptized 502 into the fellowship of the church. Gifts through the Cooperative Program increased 71 percent, direct gifts and other benevolences increased 56 percent, and gifts to local expenses 35 percent. The report goes on to say that 60 percent of all gifts during that ten year period went to outside causes while 40 percent was used for local expenses.

Other pastors who have served full-time at Mills Home are the Reverend J. O. Walton; the Reverend Isaac Terrell; the Reverend Roger Williams; and the present pastor, the Reverend James Lambert. All these men have been seminary graduates and have served with distinction and dedication. Through all these years the church has had a marvelous influence on the children and the employees. It is interesting to note that all those who have served full-time and are still living are still working in some capacity with the Homes, except Mr. Walton who has retired.

While this author was serving as general superintendent, he sat in the pew and observed a drama never to be forgotten. A junior boy, whose early experiences are too bad to put in print, sat just in front of me. His attention was fastened upon the pastor every second during the sermon, and when the invitation was given for those who would come forward and accept Christ, this boy without a second's hesitancy moved forward and said, "Pastor, I want to give Jesus all that I am." A few weeks later the pastor asked if some junior boy would volunteer to lead the prayer. This twelve-year old lad raised his hand and I do not recall ever hearing a more sincere and meaningful prayer than his. His father was later tried for murder and this boy was called as a witness. The prosecuting attorney said to the lad, "Young man, do you think you can tell the truth when your father is being tried for his life?" The lad replied, "Yes, I cannot do otherwise. I am now a Christian and I just must tell the truth." The attorney said, "Proceed then." The boy began to tell the story as it had happened and the father said, "Stop him! I plead guilty." The boy no doubt found this the hardest experience of his life, for he loved his father dearly. This same boy finished high school and college.

KENNEDY HOME CHURCH

In the early days of the Kennedy Home, Dr. B. W. Spilman took great interest in the Church. He preached the first sermon ever preached there. During his lifetime he preached a total of 577 times at Kennedy Home, according to his own statement. His first sermon there was on Psalm 23.

The Reverend A. J. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Goldsboro, preached on Sunday afternoon for many years while the Reverend Joseph Hough was superintendent. Often Mr. Hough or Dr. Spilman, or some visiting minister, filled the pulpit on Sunday mornings. When I went to Kennedy Home as superintendent, I felt that it would be far better to have a regular pastor to preach and counsel the children and workers in spiritual affairs. The ones who have served as full-time pastors at Kennedy Home since 1943 are the Reverend Worth Grant, now a missionary in Japan; Dr. John Chandler (a Mills Home product), now president of Hamilton College in New York; the Reverend Malbert Smith, now pastor of Grey Stone Baptist Church, one of the larger Baptist churches in Durham; the Reverend R. F. Smith, who found his lovely wife at Kennedy Home, now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Durham; the Reverend E. C. Wilkie (a product of Mills Home), now an area missionary with our North Carolina Baptist State Convention; the Reverend Paul Pridgen, now pastor of a very large church in Columbia, South Carolina; and the Reverend David Leary, a graduate of Southeastern Seminary with one year of counseling at East Carolina. Mr. Leary recently assumed the pastorate of the Spilman Baptist Church of Kinston. The Reverend Rodney Beals is the present pastor. The churches at both Homes carry on a program similar to all other well-organized Baptist churches. The children are all expected to attend Sunday School and worship services, but they are not required to attend Training Union unless they so desire.

Having said what I have about the churches at the Homes, let me emphasize that the churches do not belong to the Children's Homes. The buildings do, but the churches have the same privilege as any other Baptist church has. Each church has a strong group of Deacons who meet regularly and formulate plans that are voted on by the entire membership. When they call a pastor they appoint a pulpit committee and proceed just as other Baptist churches. They are true democracies. The Sunday School leaders and Training Union leaders and other officers are selected just as they are in other Baptist churches. It is a significant fact that the churches at the Homes give more to missions than they do for local use. At Odum Home

all children attend churches not far from the Home, and all foster home children attend with their foster parents.

Recently this author attended a country church service in Western North Carolina. One of our state workers was to bring the message that morning and the local pastor asked me to present him to the congregation. Prior to the presentation I asked all foster parents to stand. Three fine couples stood. Then I asked that all foster children stand. Imagine my chagrin when no one stood. Then the pastor said, "Mr. Reed, turn around and look behind you." All five of our foster children were members of the church choir, and of course all were standing.

SCHOOL

Members of the Board of Trustees, the administration, and members of the staff have spent a great deal of time in planning the educational program for the children. In the beginning Mr. Mills provided a teacher when the first cottage was completed. It was her duty to teach the children in that cottage. That teacher taught in a one-room school, teaching all the things that were supposed to be taught to the pupils in that building. The school was much like the schools in the state at that time. Most of the schools were one-room schools with one teacher.

The Baptist Children's Homes had their own schools on the campuses of Mills Home and Kennedy Home for many years. In the early days of Kennedy Home students were transferred to Mills Home when they reached high school age because Kennedy Home had only a grammar school program. Later Kennedy Home children were sent to the public high school in LaGrange, and finally all children at Kennedy Home were sent either to Kinston or LaGrange public schools. At Mills Home the children went to school on the campus much longer. There were three principals of the school of Mills Home during the period of this history. They were W. L. Bowman, A. C. Lovelace, and Romulus Skaggs.

In the beginning the salaries of teachers and the other expenses of maintaining the school were borne by the orphanage. Later Dr. Greer persuaded the educational authorities that the orphaned child had just as much right to a free education as any other child. Thereafter the school was a part of the state system. The Homes furnished the buildings and the state took care of teachers' salaries, books, and other equipment. The school carried on all the programs that other state schools did. There was a strong athletic program. Through the years the teams from the Home received many trophies in baseball, basketball, and football. In 1949 all the high school students from

Mills Home were sent to Thomasville High School upon the agreement of the Children's Home Board of Trustees and the city school board. The main purpose was to give the children opportunity for a choice of subjects in a broader curriculum. A second objective was to afford them normal social contacts and privileges to be found in schools outside the Home. The administration also felt that a more competitive spirit and ambition may be aroused in a large public school.

It was sad for the children to break up their ball teams at the Home, but by the end of the first year many had prominent places in all phases of the Thomasville High School program.

In 1950 all children were transferred to city schools. They were divided and sent to the different schools in the city system. Their adjustment has been above expectation.

Through all the administrations of the Children's Homes, the education of the children has been foremost in the planning of the program. So many of the children come with defective early training that it is necessary to have a tutoring program carried on at all times. Now this program is worked out in cooperation with the public schools. A large number of the children are participating in this type of study. Many of the children attend summer school at the high school in order to make up work or to get extra credit.

The Child Development Center has added another educational feature to the campus at Mills Home. This is a very fine service of which parents in the Thomasville area are taking advantage. The Center provides educational experiences rather than just custodial care. Because of the special interest each child is given the school attracts parents of many children with special needs. Another important aspect of the Development Center is that it acts as a model for churches who want to add this type of service. They are coming in increasing numbers to study the programs and are given information which is beneficial in setting up a child development center.

The staff and friends of the children provide many educational experiences for the children in the Homes. The rising seniors go to Washington, D. C., each summer. There are sometimes trips to New York City, to Williamsburg, and to other places of special interest. These trips are considered part of the total educational program.

When a child graduates from high school at any of the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, he is given a chance for continuing his education in a college, community college, or technical

institute. This is financed through grants, scholarships, and loans. Caseworkers visit the children often to talk over problems that may arise and to bring news from "home."

COTTAGE LIFE

What picture comes to your mind when someone speaks of a cottage on a children's home campus?

I want to describe one of the family-style cottages now found on all our campuses. This is one of the new cottages in which children from the same family live together, although often an only-child is placed in this setting so that his special needs may be met. It is a well-built house with bedrooms with connecting baths, and a kitchen with large eating area. There is a big living room with carpeting, fireplace, and tasteful pictures on the walls. The study is well-stocked with magazines, reference books, and the daily paper. One room has a television and playing area for quiet games. There are also places where a child can be alone if he chooses. Down the hall is the houseparents' apartment with a private living room, often used as a counseling room. There is also a laundry room with washer and dryer for the whole cottage family. Going into a girl's room, you will see two beds with stuffed animals propped against the pillows. On the dresser you might see family pictures. Looking around, you would probably find cut-outs of favorite singers and movie stars taped on the walls. Since this is a family-type cottage, boys also live here. In their rooms you will find fishing rods, baseball gloves, rocks, and perhaps creeping things here and there.

I remember a staff meeting where one of the houseparents reported that some of the boys had pet squirrels in their closets. She asked the superintendent to meet the boys in front of the church and talk the matter over. After they were seated on the steps, the superintendent told them how all squirrels love freedom. They build their nests high in the trees to protect their babies; they love to play in the trees, jumping from limb to limb; and they gather their food and store it away for the winter. He said that this is God's plan for the squirrels. A lengthy discussion followed. One boy volunteered to go to the library to find out about squirrels. The two boys who had the pet squirrels decided to turn them loose. They brought the squirrels and set them free at the base of two oak trees. One ran up to the first limb, sat for a few seconds, and ran back down to the boy who turned him loose. The second squirrel climbed higher, but

it only took him a few seconds to get back to his friend and climb up his arm. After watching this demonstration, the superintendent dismissed the boys without further discussion.

Life goes on in the cottages much as it does in any normal home. Children have a part in deciding about meals and other activities that are part of home life. Every child has an assigned duty or chore. The children help decide who will do this or that. There are a few tasks no one likes to do, but matters are worked out so that everyone takes his turn.

Special holidays are highlights of the year for all the children. Halloween is a favorite, with all the ghosts and goblins, and the costuming. The climax is a big Halloween party at the gym, starting with the younger children and ending with the older group. On the Fourth of July there are swimming contests, baseball games, and picnics. Valentine's Day is the time when children either make or buy their valentines and somehow contrive a way to get them to the ones for whom intended, sometimes very stealthily.

The Christmas season, which starts the first week of December, is full of activity in the church, at school, and in the cottages. The children all go to visit family or friends during the school holidays, but much happens before they leave. There are special music programs and Christmas pageant rehearsals at church. There is the renewing of acquaintance with Lottie Moon through a study of foreign missions, and sharing in an offering taken in her honor for the foreign mission program. Parties for the children are also numerous at this time of year. Sometimes a church or civic group comes to the Home and gives a party in one of the cottages. Other groups take the children to their church or some other place for Christmas festivities. All through the years church groups and individuals have been very thoughtful about sharing with the children in the Homes. Many churches and civic organizations have a long history of remembering the children year after year. A ladies' class in the First Baptist Church of Durham has sent many beautifully dressed dolls Christmas after Christmas. I believe such generosity and concern have made an impression on the children and brought about a stronger faith in the church and in the Master.

A tradition for many years, and a fond memory for hundreds of Mills Home children, was the big Christmas tree in the gym. It was always a beautiful sight. After everyone was seated, and all lights turned off except those on the Christmas tree, members of the staff would give a short Christmas program, with the help of the children.

Everyone joined in to sing Christmas songs. The climax of the evening was Santa's arrival to help hand out the presents.

The children's thoughts were not always on their own presents, however. It was a week or so before Christmas when two junior-age brothers came to Miss Sallie's office to ask the cost of a Bible. Miss Sallie quoted some prices and asked why they wanted to buy a Bible, since they were given one when they came to Mills Home.

"Did you lose your Bibles?" she asked. They told her they had not lost their own Bibles, but they wanted to buy one for their father, who was in prison.

"We think it will help him to be good and get out of prison," the younger of the two explained.

Miss Sallie asked how much money they had and where they got it. They counted out the money and said they had earned it raking leaves. Miss Sallie studied her catalog and found just the Bible they wanted. When it arrived, it was carefully gift-wrapped and sent to their father. One feels that such love must have had the desired effect.

The children look forward to vacations with happy anticipation. They work and save their money for weeks for the fun ahead. Usually they have their suitcases packed days before time to go. During the summer they spend two weeks with relatives and friends and another week at the vacation cottage on the seashore at Emerald Isle. Special holidays such as Thanksgiving and Easter are also enjoyed with relatives and friends. These vacations are most helpful in keeping family ties intact, in case the family may someday be reunited. The child may also understand a little better why he has to live away from home. For some children, hostility toward the Home is lessened by these visits, although for others there seems to be the opposite effect. However, the majority of the group seem happy to get back together.

The summer vacation also gives the houseparents a well-earned rest. They come back refreshed, ready again to tackle the job of helping the children to face the truth about their family and home. Houseparents have learned that what causes a child's maladjustment is often his worry over loved ones at home.

Cottage life has not always been so warm and pleasant. Continuous improvements have been made through the years. As Dr. Kesler once said, "Progress is being made when we get improved conceptions of our task, and we should count that year lost that does not discover to ourselves new reaches of service for the large group of children looking to us for refuge." In the beginning of the period

covered in this history, large numbers of children were living in each cottage. The bedrooms were full of beds and the children had their meals in a central dining room.

At the time of the depression, the need was great, and funds were meager. In order to provide additional help during this difficult period the school day was divided into shifts, permitting each child to attend school one half-day and work one-half day. The most unpopular chore for boys was the dairy since those who worked at the milk barn had to get up at 4:00 a.m. in order to get the cows milked and the barn cleaned in time for breakfast. At this early hour the boys tuned in to their favorite hillbilly programs. They declared that the cows liked the music as well as they did.

The girls who helped with the cooking also had to arise early, build fires in a wood or coal stove, and have breakfast ready for the ones who were to go to school during the morning. Those who went to school in the morning worked in the afternoon while the others went to school. In this way, much of the work of the Home was done by the children.

When children came to the orphanage, they used to be sent to the Infirmary for several days to determine whether they had any kind of communicable disease. The nurse kept a medical record for each child. After the stay in the infirmary, the children were placed in a cottage with their own sex and age group. The boys were on one side of the campus and the girls on the other. This was another trying time when brothers and sisters had to be separated. They were allowed to visit at certain times on Sunday afternoons. One of the sweetest scenes I ever saw was a little family grouped together, talking and eating something special they had saved for this occasion.

It was a bright day for the children when certain changes did take place. The children no longer go through the waiting period in the infirmary. Their health is checked before they come to the Home. After an application is made for a child to come into the Baptist Children's Homes program, a careful study is made. The child is brought to the Home for a visit and his caseworker takes him around and gets him acquainted with places and people. He spends much time visiting with the children in the cottage where he will live. The children do all the talking. Their visitor mostly just looks and listens. This experience does seem to help ease the homesickness that almost every child goes through.

I have never known a child who could not tell the exact date when he entered the Home. I always remember the day Ray came

to live with us. He arrived at the lunch hour when none of the children were outside on the campus. I was the only one at the office. The caseworker brought him in and after a few minutes left us alone. Looking up at me with big blue eyes full of tears, he said, "Ain't there nobody here but me and you?" I have never seen eyes that said so much. I gathered him up in my arms and we both cried. Then we wiped our tears away and got into my car to make a tour of the campus. We collected a few boys here and there who had finished their lunch. We wound up the tour at his cottage. The boys with him, and his houseparent, lost no time introducing him to the other boys and to his new home. I am glad that coming to the Home these days need not be so frightening.

I am convinced that the unsung heroes and heroines of any child-care organization are the houseparents. They work long hours with little pay. Those who are dedicated give of their best in strength and devotion without a thought of gratitude. It is they who help instill into the children those ideals and attitudes that shape their lives and give promise to their future.

Chapter IX

THE ALUMNI AND THEIR LOVE FOR THE HOMES

The greatest of all teachers has said, "By their fruits you shall know them"—Matthew 7:20. In an effort to ascertain where the former pupils of the Baptist Children's Homes are, what they are doing, and what they think of the opportunities they had while they lived here, I sent out several hundred letters. I received a great number of replies. These I have studied very carefully and tried to analyze. Several observations stand out as very significant.

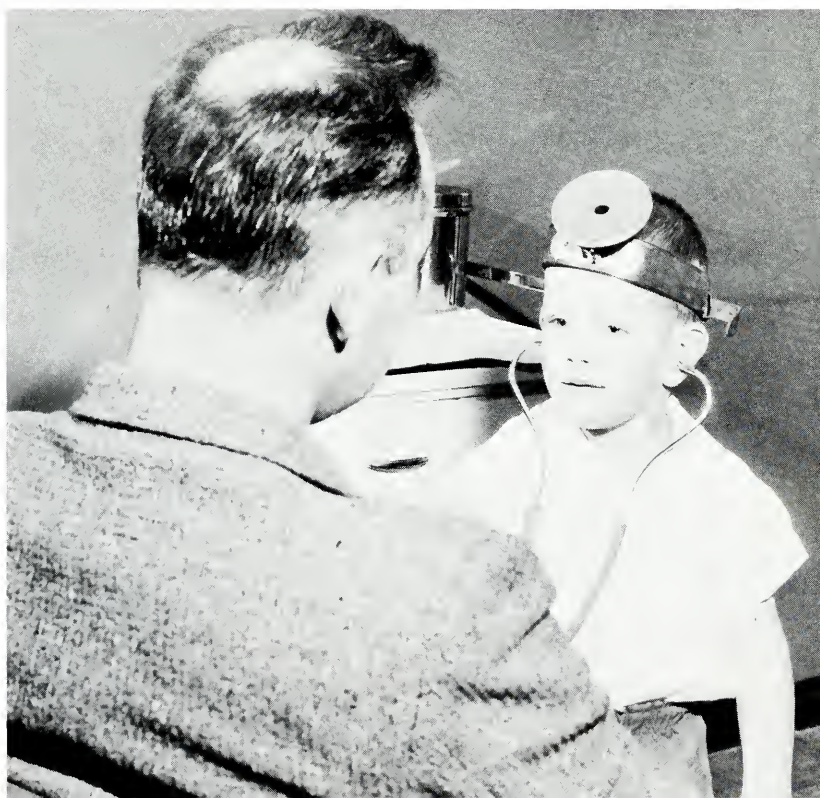
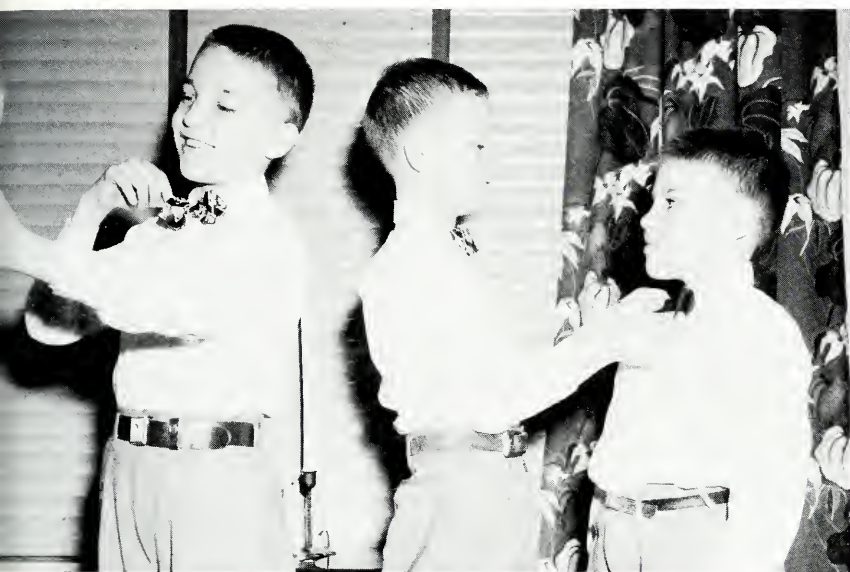
Nearly all of the students are married and have families. Almost without exception they said that their training at the Children's Homes had been helpful to them in giving their own families a good home life. When they were at the Homes all girls were, and still are, taught to cook, to sew, to iron, to wash clothes, and to keep the house neat and clean. The majority of the boys learned these same skills. Others learned the art of printing, of painting, of carpentering, of plumbing, of farming, of caring for the yards and grounds around the cottages where they lived. Hundreds stated that these skills help them immeasurably in their daily routines.

It is noteworthy that perhaps seventy-five percent of those answering referred specifically to their spiritual training as being a prime factor in shaping their attitude toward the higher things of life. Often they referred to certain pastors, teachers, houseparents, carpenters, farmers, or Scout leaders as living the type of life they wished to emulate. One housewife and mother who lives in Florida had highest praise for the spiritual guidance she received while at the Home, but added, "I would never *require* my children to attend Church services." Perhaps this last remark was prompted by the fact that all children in the several Homes of our child care program are expected to attend Sunday School and worship services regularly. Each administration has taken the position that these children should be treated as if they were in a normal Christian home. The average dedicated father and mother will say to their children on Sunday morning, "This is the Lord's Day. Let's all get ready to go to Sunday School and worship this morning." Those in foster homes attend church with their foster parents.

I remember the heartwarming experience when I sat across the



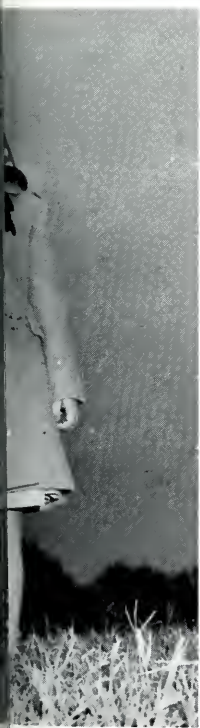








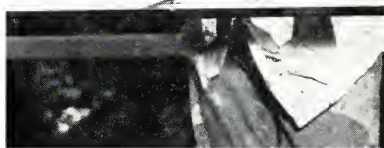
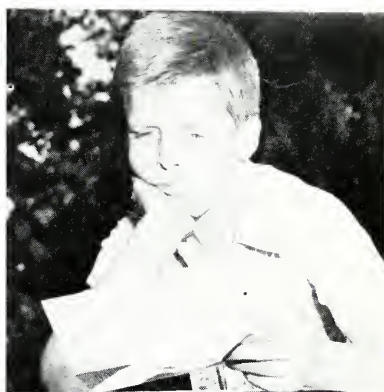














aisle from Mary and Jane (the names are changed but the story is true). Mr. Isaac Terrell, the pastor, had just delivered a soul searching sermon, and asked if anyone would come forward and profess Jesus as Saviour. Jane, with tears of joy streaming down her cheeks, went forward. Mary sat down on the pew and wept. I quietly moved over and sat beside her and asked, "Why?" She answered, "Jane came to live with us about six months ago. Since then she has been my roommate and I have talked and prayed with her almost every day. I have asked God to save her. Now, this is the happiest day of my life." Both girls were sixteen years of age at that time. Jane had been inside a church house only one time in her life before coming to live at Mills Home. Now she is a graduate of the school of nursing at the Baptist Hospital. She is married to a very successful professional man and is perhaps as fine a Christian mother as our state affords.

Almost without exception the alumni expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to get an education. One man said that he left the Home sixty-one years ago and that so far as he knew it did nothing to help him except to make it possible for him to get an education. This and one other man who was at Mills Home for a very short time are the only two who did not express in a very positive way deep appreciation for the care they received while in the Homes.

A large number of the alumni graduated from high school either while they lived at the Homes or after returning to their parents. It was amazing to note the large percentage who went on to college or to some other institution of higher learning. Many became nurses, teachers, ministers, lawyers, missionaries, college professors, medical doctors, chemists, business executives. One is a college president. Many others serve in industry, insurance, newspaper work, or salesmanship. A few are farmers. One business executive said that he worked so hard on the farm at the Home that he resolved to earn his living in the city. Many are employed in manufacturing plants of one sort or another. Several are operating or are employed in filling stations or other areas of oil distribution. I received replies from several who are now retired, but I did not receive a single letter from an unemployed person. Perhaps they did not bother to answer my letter.

A host of those who replied spoke appreciatively of the health program that was carried on while they were at the Children's Homes. It may surprise you to learn that many, many of them came to the Homes with their bodies very undernourished. Others came with defective teeth. Still others had eye difficulties, and some had physical

deformities. These were put under the care of skilled physicians and nurses, and every effort was made to correct their difficulties. In most cases they left the Homes completely normal. "Greater works than these shall you do," said the Master. I have witnessed many real miracles in the developing bodies of the children.

One boy so deformed at birth that he could scarcely walk a step in his early years was placed under the care of an outstanding orthopedic surgeon while he lived in a foster home. Later he was transferred to one of our group homes, and when he graduated from high school his feet and legs were completely normal. He later graduated from college and now holds an executive position in a large manufacturing establishment. His family is one of the outstanding families in the city where he is employed.

A ten year old girl was very withdrawn and one of the most dependent children I have ever known. Her health was bad; her color was swarthy; she seemed to have no pride or ambition at all. She apparently was doomed to complete failure. Braces were put on her teeth; she was given special coaching in school work; and the house-mother gave careful and special attention to her. She helped her to dress more neatly and give more thought and care to her personal appearance. This girl gradually changed and in the course of four or five years, she far surpassed many of her classmates. She graduated from high school and college and now is rendering a high degree of service to her generation as a strong Christian schoolteacher. She is a gracious, beautiful, and charming woman who is very popular among all her associates as well as with the children she teaches.

This writer, while he was general superintendent of the Baptist Children's Homes, was invited to speak in the Grace Baptist Church of Durham one Sunday morning. I called a young man who was then a senior at Gardner-Webb College and asked him if he would like to make the trip with me. His answer was, "Yes, that is my home town." So on Sunday morning we drove to the church. He testified before a large adult Sunday School class, and when the time came for me to speak, the pastor, the Reverend Mr. Anderson, asked this young man if he would like to say a few words to the group before I began my message. He confidently took his place in the pulpit, pulled a little black book from his pocket, and read in very clear and distinct tones Matthew 25:35-36, and then placed the book back in his pocket. He looked the audience straight in the face and said, "These words are literally true in my case. I was hungry and sick, and a stranger. In fact my body was so weak that I was not allowed to attend school a single day during my first year at Mills Home, but by the time for school to

start in the fall, the doctors and nurses and houseparents had brought new life into my body. Since then I have never missed a day from school because of sickness. I will soon graduate from Gardner-Webb College. Then I plan to go to some senior college and get a degree. From then on with all there is in me, I will try to repay the Baptists of North Carolina in a life of service." This young man later graduated from High Point College, married, and has established a home and a very responsible position in business. All Baptists can be proud that they had a part in making this possible.

Perhaps the most unique experience of the Homes in regard to health was revealed at the close of World War II. Many of our boys had been called into military service. The late Dr. I. G. Greer decided to make a study of all those who had gone from group homes. He enlisted the help of Mr. Joseph Johnson, superintendent of the Presbyterian Home at Barium Springs; Mr. Woosley, superintendent of the Children's Home (Methodist) of Winston-Salem; the Reverend Mr. Barnes, superintendent of the Methodist Home in Raleigh; and Mr. Proctor, superintendent of the Masonic Orphanage of Oxford. Several hundred had gone into service from those who had been reared in these several homes. During World War I and II, only 1.4 percent of those drafted had been rejected. Of the population at large in North Carolina 56.8 percent had been rejected for mental or physical deficiencies.

During the twenty-six years that this writer has been connected with the North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, he has known of only one person who failed to pass the mental test—none has failed the physical. The one who failed was a young man of splendid physique. At the request of the superintendent, after he had been notified by school authorities that this boy could not possibly make further progress in school, the social service department placed him as a plumber's helper in a large organization. He soon married, took his father off public welfare and brought him to live with them in his own home, and kept him until his death about twenty years later. He and his wife belong to a country church, and are among its most loyal supporters. The supervisor of the organization where he works has said to me a number of times that he does not have a more dependable employee in his organization. We are as proud of this man as we are the one who is a college president. Each has developed the talents that he was born with, and has used them to the full in service to his generation.

I wish it were possible for me to share with you the hundreds of quotations I have from the alumni, but this would require a large vol-

ume in itself. So I shall try to give a few that are representative. Since they are just representative quotations I shall not use names. All quotations are authentic.

QUOTATIONS AND ANTICS FROM ALUMNI

One housewife and mother said, "The Home gave me a good Christian education and taught me how to make a good and happy home for my family." To me this is love at its best.

A college professor said, "At the Home I learned the importance of integrity in what anyone undertakes to do." He also gave the following human-interest story: "A group of us were punished for slipping out to the movies by having to help Dr. Kesler set out small trees along the roads through the campus. I treasure every moment of that time I was permitted to spend with him. Whatever I may accomplish in life is due largely to this great man."

From a man who finished high school, and is doing well in business in a neighboring state: "It gave me confidence and self-respect, and taught me to fill my place in the world for which I shall always be grateful."

From a young man who is now counselor for the mentally retarded: "The Home gave me a sense of security, and made it possible for me to get an education."

An employee of the Children's Homes gave this human interest story: "When I was nurse I always gave each child who had a tooth pulled a dime from 'My Fairy Box'. A little boy who had recently entered the Home was taken to the local dentist to have one tooth extracted. When he returned he had a handful of teeth and asked me if I was the fairy who bought children's teeth? Yes, he got his hand full of dimes."

From a very prominent grandson of the Homes: "The Baptist Children's Homes has meant a great deal to me, my brother, and two sisters. Much of the training our parents received there rubbed off on us. We were urged to get a good education and live exemplary lives, and for all this we are deeply grateful." Incidentally, this man and his brother are famous physicians, and the sisters are as successful in their chosen fields of service as the boys. Can such love as made this possible be measured by any yardstick society possesses?

An outstanding educator says: "Through the Christian love of others I was removed from an environment of near hopelessness and placed in an environment which gave me outlets to that type of life that I think God intended for all people. Not a day goes by but that I give thanks to God for the Baptist Children's Homes."

A human interest story by one who is now a housewife and mother: "While at Biggs Cottage some of the girls committed some sort of misdemeanor and the housemother, unable to find out just who it was, decided to punish all of us that night by turning out all lights from dark to daylight. This happened on a Sunday. At church that night the pastor took as his subject, 'Don't Live in the Dark'. The group became so convulsed with laughter that we almost broke up the service."

A lady who lives in Texas writes: "One day when swimming in the pool at Mills Home I climbed to the top of the perch where the life-guard was supposed to be. Instead of diving from there as we so often did, I screamed and pretended to faint and fall off into the water. Alas, several hours later I awoke in the High Point Hospital with a broken arm and many bruises all over my body. I had missed the water and landed on the concrete face down. With the broken bones and bruises I was and still am grateful to be alive."

One alumna wrote, "All I am and all I hope to be I owe to the Home. It is the only Home I ever had as a child. It was my great ambition to grow up to be like Miss Eulalia Turner."

Another said: "The Home taught me the best things in life and made it possible for me to get an education. Mother died and father was an invalid. We were passed from one relative to another and then back again. Then we were sent to Mills Home, a secure harbor. The tangible things I received there can be easily stated—how to cook, sew, mend, good grooming, good manners, politeness, etc. It is more difficult to express the intangibles. How can one tell of the love and joy of being one of a large family like this? The warmth you feel for a Miss Sallie; the respect you learn for your teachers by working in the office with Mr. Skaggs, the Principal; the skills you acquire by working in the sewing room for Miss Sherman or Mrs. Johnson. In all this you are being firmly and gently taught by example. Also, you are being taught appreciation for others, sympathy for those in need, love of God, and respect for your country. Sundays were always days of rest and worship. Ours were the most beautiful Church services imaginable. My character was molded there. Although I have achieved no great fame or fortune, my life has been far better because I lived there."

A printer from Pennsylvania said, "Besides the religious training I received, I was taught to be kind to others and to be kind to those in need. Also, my education and work experiences made it possible for me to get and hold a good position after I left the Home."

A graduate of Wake Forest University and a very prominent church man who holds an important position in business writes: "Without the

love, care, influence, guidance, and encouragement which were so graciously and freely given during my nine years at Kennedy Home, I do not feel that I would have achieved anything worthwhile. I would probably have been a high school dropout. Needless to say I owe everything to the tireless efforts the employees expended to give me an opportunity to become somebody. How do you thank people for this kind of opportunity? I really do not know the answer. Perhaps the best way to start is to utilize your abilities constructively so that your achievements reflect favorably on all those who had a part in your development. I think you and Mrs. Reed know how I feel about those who directed me while I was at Kennedy Home. I love them as dearly as I am able to love. Their influence over my life over the years has been the most significant factor affecting it. I couldn't repay them even if I knew how."

A young man who is now in the United States Air Force says: "My stay at Kennedy Home was based around my two brothers. We worked, hunted, fished, studied, ate, and slept together for seven wonderful years. The Home brought us together after several months of separation. They put our feet in the right path and gave us the right push that everyone needs in order to succeed in a good life. They gave us food, clothing, shelter, and Christ. These blessings came as free as the wind, and we wondered how anyone could be so lucky. We never considered ourselves as orphans, but as Kings."

One of the housemothers gave me this story: "Billie, one of her fine Junior boys had listened very attentively to the pastor's sermon that Sunday morning. He had urged each boy and girl to give some item of clothing to be sent to the orphan children of Korea. In his plea he had said that they were at war over there and many of the children had lost their fathers and homes. He further stated, 'If you give to help these orphan children you will be giving to Jesus Christ our Savior.' After lunch the housemother asked her boys to bring whatever item of clothing they could spare to her room. Billie opened his dresser drawer where he kept his shirts. The one on top was a beautiful one of many colors. It had recently been sent to him by his aged grandmother for his birthday present. He prized this above all other items of clothing that he possessed; so he lifted it out, looked at it for some time and then placed it back in the drawer. He then carefully hunted through the drawer and found his next best shirt. He carried this to the housemother, but did not put it on the table where the clothing was being placed. Instead, he stood still for a full moment while tears welled up in his eyes. Then he suddenly turned and went upstairs to his room, and again took out his prized shirt. He placed it over his arm

and marched into the room with his head high and a big smile on his face. He carefully placed it with the other items there. As soon as the housemother could get to him without drawing the attention of the other boys, she told him that he should not give his beautiful birthday shirt. Billie replied, 'The pastor said when we gave to these Orphans we would be giving to Jesus, and I do not want to ever give Him anything but my best.' Billie lives in another state now but I heard from him through a mutual friend some months ago. I was informed that he still maintains that same goal for his life. When Baptists learn of incidents like this it is payday for them because their gifts made it possible.

A quote from an alumnus of the Baptist Children's Homes who is now heading one of North Carolina's largest school systems: "As I look in retrospect upon my life and particularly the era that I spent as a member of the Children's Homes family, I am encompassed by feelings of pride, humility, and profound gratitude. As one remembers the love, concern, vision, courage, and sincere humility of our late beloved giant, Dr. I. G. Greer, he is awed and inspired by being privileged to grow up at his feet. I remember so vividly his taking the time from his busy, pressing schedule, during the dark depression years, to ride a frustrated little boy (me) piggy back and share his warmth and compassion. The self image and pride and determination that coach Kearns so aptly instilled; the appreciation and respect for culture conveyed by Mr. Lord; the love of God and respect for our fellowman made so real and convincing by the Reverend Mr. Neilson; and the respect for and quest for knowledge as inspired by Miss Olive are examples but indicative of the multitude of wholesome precepts projected for a more fruitful and meaningful life.

"A tinge of nostalgia yet engulfs me, as it did years ago as a teenage boy, as I am reminded afresh and anew of the price many paid that we could and would be afforded opportunities for fulfilling our dreams. It is in reality miraculous that this ministry has attracted and retained such dynamic leadership through the years. Only divine guidance and blessing could have perpetuated such an essential ministry with the scope being ever broadened as needs have been recognized."

Several years ago, we had a letter from a prominent lady in one of the missionary circles of the First Baptist Church of Hickory. She asked for the name of some girl in college whom they could help with expenses. We submitted the names of twin sisters who had grown up at Kennedy Home. A few days later we received another letter from this same woman saying that they had come up against a problem such

as they had never had before. They wrote to these girls offering to help them financially. Their reply was, "We are most grateful for your wonderful offer, but we are getting along fairly well. We each have a job here helping in the dining room, and are getting along very well. With our work we will be able to finish without going into debt. But there is a young lady here from Cuba who is preparing to go back to her own country as a missionary. Since she does not speak English very well, she is having a hard time keeping up with her classes and has no extra time to do outside work. There is no one to whom she can go for help, so we would appreciate it if you would send the money that you are offering us to this Cuban girl. Otherwise, she may have to drop out of school." Our friends from Hickory said they had never encountered such selflessness and asked our advice. Of course we advised them to follow the suggestion of the twins. Actually they ended up helping all three.

An outstanding physician who was reared at the Baptist Children's Homes writes: "I sometimes reflect on my life as it is now and what it might have been without my stay at the Children's Homes. I enjoy the knowledge which I have been able to attain, the talents which have been developed, and the service which I am able to render. One of the greatest blessings I have had in recent years is that of visiting medical missionaries in Africa and working with them. As in most Baptist churches the emphasis at the Baptist Children's Homes churches upon foreign missions is very strong, particularly under the guidance of the pastors.

"There are so many things about this period at the Children's Homes which are embedded in the daily living pattern of all of us who were there, and as for myself I would have it no other way." (Editor's note: This same physician will spend several weeks in 1971 working in the African Mission Fields).

Another housemother relates this story: "A friend visited her cottage of fourteen intermediate girls just before Christmas. When he got ready to leave he gave to each of the girls a pretty new dollar bill. She said that she saw the girls together three or four times that afternoon, so after their family devotion that night one of them spoke up and said, 'Miss Lucy, don't you think we should tithe this money and give it through the Lottie Moon Offering for Missions?' She agreed that that was what the scriptures teach. The next day when they came together for their evening devotional period the question was raised again. They had met again and decided that each one would give the whole dollar for the mission's offering. Miss Lucy tried to explain that the Lord did not require us to give all we have as an offering, but they said that they had prayed about it and wanted to give all. So, on

Sunday morning when the offering plate passed them each of the fourteen girls proudly put in a new, crisp one dollar bill."

The following quote is from an alumnus who has been a college professor and held a very high position in one of the nation's largest industrial plants. "I, as a child-in-care for six years, saw, felt, and benefited from the deep concern, Christian compassion, and timely relevance of the North Carolina Baptist child care ministry. I came to know that we who lived in the Baptist Children's Homes were loved in a special way because of what others had done. I came to love, honor, and respect, and to feel a deep sense of loyalty to those who were so graciously providing for our physical, mental, moral, and spiritual needs.

"I came from an environment which lacked, for me, security and peace because of the absence of a family provider, a home to call my own, and an opportunity to secure an education to fit myself for my life's work. I also came without a saving knowledge and personal experience of Christ as my Lord and Master. All of these things I found in the Children's Homes. There I became acquainted with some of the finest of God's people who helped me to make the right decisions about my relationship to God and my future educational plans for life.

"All of this is what the Baptist Children's Homes means to me. Do you wonder that I, who found my Savior there and got the training and education on which my whole life has hinged, am proud to call it *my home*?"

A quotation from a young lady who grew up at the Baptist Children's Homes and is now a social worker said, "Over the years things have changed; so have senior privileges. During the summer months prior to the senior year the boys and girls are encouraged to work and live outside the Children's Homes. Dating has become an accepted, normal activity. In other words, the seniors receive field training in real life situations, but not without supportive service from the Homes."

An outstanding businessman said, "I will be in there fighting for my old home as long as there is breath in me to enable me to fight. I myself along with thousands of others appreciate what was done for us while we were there."

A prominent lawyer who later became a superior court judge said in *Charity and Children* September 15, 1938: "The Orphanage influence on a child morally, spiritually, and physically is as good an influence as can be thrown about any child in any station of life."

A quotation from a man who has distinguished himself in the service of the Federal government, is found in an issue of *Charity*

and Children: "I enjoy reading your articles in *Charity and Children*. They help me to live again days of long ago that I cherish most deeply."

A quotation about a missionary in the May 30, 1946, issue of *Charity and Children*: While here in the states I wanted to write a word of thanks to Mills Home for the wonderful instruction and preparation my wife received while she was in that great institution. Each day as I see the fruits of her labor, I thank God for her and for what you good people have meant to the Baptist work in Cuba. . . . Recently she was presented a beautiful pin with the word, 'FAITHFUL' in recognition of her twenty-five years of service. Her only comment was "Thank you! I only hope that the Lord will let me serve Him for another twenty-five years'."

A distinguished college professor and scholar, an alumnus of Mills Home, closed his homecoming address in 1946 with these words: "Dr. Greer, we who have returned for this reunion and happy fellowship, greet you in His Name. We bid you godspeed and pledge anew our devotion to the traditions and high ideals of the Home which took us as, 'Dropped stitches of vanquished hands and wove us again in the loom of love'." (*Charity and Children*, August 15, 1946.)

In 1956, I asked one of our senior girls to speak to the Children's Homes report at the Baptist State Convention. Her complete address is recorded in the Baptist State Convention Annual of 1956. I quote only a small part of her talk: "Of all the machines that man has created not one is so exquisite in design or so delicately sensitive as the human personality. The needs of man are basically the same, but the greatest of these is a home that is more than a house. It is when these home ties are broken that it is extremely essential that the children be placed in an environment where character is taught. The children in our Children's Homes live in an environment of love.

"Many lessons are learned in group life such as ours—self-discipline, honesty, thoughtfulness, and reliability; and above all, faith in ourselves, and in God. You may give a child food, clothes, medical care and an education, but if the child is not understood, wanted, and protected, he grows into a shell with little feeling or character. Success consists in getting up more times than we fall down."

These statements and stories from the alumni show that the love Baptists have for homeless and neglected children is reciprocated four-fold. As so many have said, they never could have been the type of citizens that God meant them to be without your prayers, love, and financial support. The relationship between our great denomination and the Children's Homes is one of the greatest love stories on record.

APPENDIX A

PERSONNEL OF THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES, 1932-1970

Several of those listed in 1932 had served many years prior to that date and several listed in 1970 will remain there for a number of years of service. Each person listed has made a significant contribution to the host of children whom they have helped to train. The cottage parents and teachers often have far more influence on the character of the child than any others who work in the child care program.

Abbott, Mrs. Elsie (KH)*	Cottage Parent
Abernathy, J. W. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Abernathy, Mrs. J. W. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Adams, Mrs. Juanita (KH)	Laundry
Adolphus, Donald (KH)	Farm
Alderman, Mrs. Pat (KH)	Music
Aldridge, Miss Dorothy (KH)	Office Secretary
Alexander, Mrs. Millie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Alexander, Miss Stella (MH)	Cottage Parent
Allen, Billie Lawson (KH)	Music
Alley, William Dale (MH)	Charity and Children
Allison, Mrs. J. A. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Allred, Mrs. Margaret Janice P.	Social Service Department
Allred, Mrs. Mildred E. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Allsbrook, Miss Pamela Kay (KH)	Office Secretary
Alston, Miss Nancy (MH)	Cottage Parent
Ambrose, Mrs. Robert (KH)	Cottage Parent
Amos, M. J. (MH)	Farm
Angel, Miss Thelma (KH)	Music
Armentrout, Miss Judy	Social Service Department
Arnder, Mrs. Mae (MH)	Cottage Parent
Ashburn, Mrs. Annie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Atwood, James (MH)	Buildings and Grounds
Aycock, Mrs. Nona Mae (KH)	Cottage Parent
Badger, Miss Susanne	Social Service Department
Bailey, Franklin (MH)	Shoe Shop and Charity and Children
Bailey, Mrs. Franklin	Charity and Children
Bailey, Mrs. Nannie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Bailey, Roland C. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Bailey, Mrs. Roland C.	Cottage Parent
Bain, Miss Mae Gibson	Social Service Department
Baity, Mrs. Sandra (MH)	Social Service
Baker, Eugene W.	Director, Public Relations
Baker, Mrs. Eugene W. (MH)	Child Dev. Center
Baldwin, Roland (MH & KH)	Farm & Dairy
Ball, C. A.	Charity and Children
Ballard, Miss Jennie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Ballard, Mrs. Bob (MH)	Administration
Bandy, Miss Frances	Social Service Department
Bannister, Mrs. L. M. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Barbee, Mrs. A. E. (MH)	Cottage Parent

* (MH) represents Mills Home. (KH) represents Kennedy Home. (OH) represents Odum Home. (GH) represents Greer Home. (BH) represents Broyhill Home. (WH) represents Wall Home. (CC) represents *Charity and Children*. All who work in the Cottages are listed as Cottage Parents, and all Social Service personnel are listed in the Social Service Department. Their place of service is not listed.

Barefoot, Horace O.....	Child Development Center, Associate Director, Development
Barefoot, Mrs. Horace O. (MH).....	Child Dev. Center
Barker, Miss Peggy (MH).....	Social Service
Barnes, James (KH).....	Buildings and Grounds
Barnes, Miss Rosaline (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Earnhardt, Miss Phoebe (KH).....	Music
Bass, Miss Kathryn (MH).....	Charity and Children
Batchelor, Mrs. Fred D. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Batchelor, Fred D. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Bates, Mrs. Sadie Y. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Battle, Mrs. Grace (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Batts, Steven.....	Charity and Children
Beach, Mrs. Eva (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Beacham, William T. (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Beacham, Mrs. William T.....	Houseparent
Beals, George Rodney (KH).....	Social Service Department, Pastor
Beam, Miss Lula R.....	Houseparent
Bean, Miss Mabel.....	Social Service Department
Bearfield, Donald L. (MH).....	Music
Bearfield, Mrs. Donald L.....	Music
Beasley, Mrs. Linda Kay (MH).....	Child Dev. Center
Beavers, Miss Lydia (MH).....	Teacher
Beck, Albert, Jr.....	Charity and Children, Foreman Print Shop
Beck, Mrs. Albert, Jr.....	Charity and Children
Berry, Mrs. Annie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Best, Mrs. R. B. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Bishop, Miss Bessie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Bizzelle, Mrs. Adele (KH).....	Nurse
Bizzelle, Miss Mary Adele (KH).....	Recreation
Black, Mrs. Josephine (MH).....	Infirmary
Black, Miss Marie (MH).....	Administration Office
Blackman, Mrs. Mamie (MH & KH).....	Cottage Parent
Blake, Mrs. Louise.....	Director, Social Service Dept.
Blake, Mrs. Patsy.....	Social Service Department
Blalock, Mrs. Sarah (KH).....	Teacher
Bland, Charlie (KH).....	Recreation
Blankenship, Miss Gertrude (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Blackwelder, Mrs. Cleo (MH).....	Infirmary
Blow, Miss Vera (KH).....	Nurse
Bogier, Mrs. Hattie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Bolin, Miss Linda J.....	Social Service Department
Boone, Mrs. Nancy B. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Booth, Miss Eugenia (MH).....	Teacher
Bordies, Miss Julia (MH).....	Laundry
Bost, Miss Fann (MH).....	Teacher
Bouiden, Bennie Wayne (KH).....	Farm
Bourn, Thomas C. (GH).....	Cottage Parent
Bourn, Mrs. Thomas C. (GH).....	Cottage Parent
Bowers, Austin (MH).....	Farm
Bowers, Mrs. Charles (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Bowers, Ray (MH).....	Farm
Bowers, W. (MH).....	Farm
Bowman, F. Thurston.....	Treasurer
Bowman, Mrs. F. Thurston (MH).....	Administration Office
Bowman, Mrs. E. M. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Bowman, W. L. (MH).....	School Principal
Boyd, Mrs. Geneva Lee (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Bratton, Mrs. Lucille Duncan (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Bray, Mrs. Douglas (MH).....	Teacher

Bray, Mrs. Minnie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Bridges, Mrs. Mae (KH)	Cottage Parent
Briggs, Miss Lena (MH)	Teacher
Briggs, Mrs. Ruby (MH)	Cottage Parent
Briles, John W. (MH)	Buildings & Grounds
Bringham, Mrs. W. A. (MH)	Teacher
Britt, Mrs. N. F. (MH)	Teacher
Brittain, Miss Betsy K.	Social Service
Britton, Mrs. Ethel S. (KH)	Administration Office
Britton, Mrs. Lettie M. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Britton, Mrs. Madge (MH)	Teacher
Brock, Edgar	Charity and Children
Brock, Mrs. Rae (KH)	Cottage Parent
Brock, Miss Susan (MH)	Administration Office
Brogden, E. W. (KH)	Assistant Superintendent
Brogden, Mrs. E. W. (KH)	General Supply
Brooks, Mrs. Nathan	Social Service Department
Brooks, Miss Sylvia Kay (MH)	Education
Brookshire, David (MH)	Recreation
Brookshire, Gary	Social Service Department
Brookshire, W. N.	Social Service Department
Brown, Butler (MH)	Farm
Brown, Miss Daisy (MH)	Cottage Parent
Brown, Mrs. Frances Claudette	Social Service Department
Brown, Miss Lola (MH)	Cottage Parent
Brown, Mrs. Lora Mae (KH)	Cottage Parent
Brown, Mrs. Margaret (KH)	Cottage Parent
Brown, Mrs. Mary Helen	Social Service Department
Brown, Miss Maurine (MH)	Sewing Room
Brown, W. H. (Mace) (MH)	Teacher
Browning, Miss Charlotte	Social Service Department
Bruton, Mrs. Bertha (MH)	Cottage Parent
Bryan, Mrs. Eula (MH)	Cottage Parent
Bryan, Mrs. S. C. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Bryant, Miss Alice (KH)	Laundry
Bryant, Charlie (KH)	Laundry
Bryant, Mrs. Charlie (KH)	Supply Cottage Dietitian
Bryant, Charlie Jr. (KH)	Farm
Bryant, Darrell	Charity and Children
Bryant, Mabel Miss (KH)	Laundry
Bryant, Sam (KH)	Farm
Bryson, Mrs. Elvira (KH)	Nurse
Bullock, Mrs. Cletis (OH)	Cottage Parent
Bullock, Miss Frances (KH)	Cottage Parent
Bumgarner, Miss Julia (MH)	Cottage Parent
Bumgarner, Miss Nellie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Bumgarner, Mrs. Peggy J. (MH)	Charity and Children
Bunch, Miss Page	Social Service Department
Bunting, J. O. (MH)	Buildings & Grounds
Bunting, Miss Oleta	Charity and Children
Bunting, Philip R.	Charity and Children
Burge, Mrs. Vivian C. (MH)	Administration Office
Burgess, Miss Louise	Social Service Department
Burkhart, Garland	Charity and Children
Burris, Mrs. E. M. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Burton, Dale Steven (MH)	Maintenance
Burton, Lloyd R. (MH)	Buildings & Grounds
Burton, Miss Priscilla	Social Service Department
Butler, Mrs. Cornelia (MH)	Cottage Parent
Butler, Miss Sophia (KH)	Cottage Parent

Byerly, Miss Janie Marr (MH).....	Child Development Center
Byerly, Mrs. Linda.....	Social Service Department
Byrd, Miss Beatrice (KH & MH).....	Cottage Parent
Byrd, Mrs. J. Ellis (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Cagle, Mrs. Lucille Stroud (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Call, Miss Mae (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Calloway, Miss Bertha (MH).....	Infirmary
Camp, James H. (MH).....	Cottage Parent Dir. Cottage Life
Camp, Mrs. James H. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Campbell, Mrs. A. T. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Campbell, George D. (MH).....	Farm; Church Caretaker
Campbell, Mrs. George D. (MH).....	Sewing Room
Campbell, Miss Lucile (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Canipe, Miss Dianne Elaine.....	Social Service Department
Canipe, Miss Dorothy.....	Social Service Department
Capell, Joseph V., III.....	Social Service Department
Carlyle, Roger (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Carolina, Mrs. Marvola (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Carpenter, Miss Jimmie.....	Social Service Department
Carroll, Mrs. Thelma (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Carter, Miss Bess (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Carter, Harold S.....	Charity and Children
Carter, Willie Edsel (KH).....	Farm
Carter, Mrs. Zola.....	Social Service Department
Casey, Mrs. J. E. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Casey, Mrs. Louise (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Casper, Mrs. Mamie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Chaney, T. G. (MH).....	Teacher
Charles, Mrs. Blair S. (MH).....	Teacher
Chase, Lawrence R. (KH).....	Farm
Chatham, Mrs. Daisy (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Chavis, Mrs. Ruthie J. (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Church, Miss Diana.....	Social Service Department
Church, Grady (OH & GH).....	Cottage Parent
Church, Mrs. Grady (OH & GH).....	Cottage Parent
Clark, James C. (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Clark, Mrs. James C. (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Claypool, Miss Marie.....	Social Service Department
Clayton, Mrs. Annie (MH).....	Manager of Workers' Home
Clayton, Mrs. Lessie (KH).....	Laundry
Clemmons, Miss Edith (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Clifton, Dewey.....	Charity and Children
Clinard, Charles D. (MH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Clinard, Mrs. Joyce.....	Charity and Children
Clodfelter, Larry.....	Charity and Children
Clute, Miss Virginia (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Cobb, Miss Lucile (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Cobb, Miss Marie.....	Social Service Department
Cochran, Miss Lucy (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Coggins, Elmer (MH).....	Night Watchman
Coggins, Miss Julius (MH).....	Office Secretary
Coker, Mrs. Hannah (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Cole, Mrs. Rosa (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Collie, Miss Eleanor (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Collins, Harold Bruce.....	Buildings & Grounds
Cook, Miss Mary (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Cooper, E. M. (KH).....	Farm
Cooper, Mrs. E. M. (KH).....	Laundry
Corder, Darrell (MH).....	Recreation

Cornwell, Thomas F.....	Charity and Children
Council, Miss Beatrice (MH).....	Library
Covert, Miss Katherine (MH).....	Teacher
Covington, R. D.....	Treasurer
Cowherd, Miss Nancy.....	Social Service Department
Cox, Harold D.....	Charity and Children
Cox, Herbert R. (MH).....	Teacher
Cox, J. Robert (KH).....	Recreation
Cox, Mrs. J. Robert (KH).....	Recreation
Cox, Mrs. Roy (KH).....	Laundry
Cox, Miss Ruby (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Craddock, Miss Peggy (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Creech, Cleve H. (KH).....	Recreation
Crews, W. T.....	Charity and Children
Cribb, Mrs. Lanie C. (KH & OH).....	Cottage Parent
Crisp, Miss Sallie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Crouch, Miss Estelle (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Crump, Mrs. Alma.....	Laundry
Crutchfield, B. F. (MH).....	Farm
Crutchfield, Mrs. B. F. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Curry, Mrs. Corine (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Curry, Mrs. Warren (MH).....	Development Department
Dail, Asa.....	Charity and Children
Dail, Henry Allen (KH).....	Farm
Dalton, Miss Virginia (MH).....	Teacher
Danner, Miss Edna (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Darnell, William G.....	Charity and Children
Daugherty, Miss Annie (KH).....	Teacher
Daugherty, Miss Lucy (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Daugherty, Miss Velva (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Davenport, Mrs. Lena (KH & MH).....	Cottage Parent
Davis, Miss Julia (KH).....	Laundry
Davis, Mrs. Martha (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Davis, Mrs. Mary (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Davis, Raymond H.....	Charity and Children
Davis, Stacy M.....	Charity and Children
Davis, Leo Theodore (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Davis, Walter J. (MH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Dent, Miss Alice (MH).....	Teacher
DeVane, Miss Lillian (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Devine, Loy W.....	Social Service Department
Dickens, Mrs. Grady (MH).....	Library
Dickey, Mrs. Mary Lou (MH).....	Child Dev. Center
Diggs, Louis S. (MH).....	Child Dev. Center
Dillahunt, Joseph (KH).....	Farm
Disher, Newby C.....	Charity and Children
Dixon, Mrs. Jean (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Dixon, Julius (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Donovan, Miss Margaret C. (MH).....	Child Dev. Center
Dorsett, George.....	Charity and Children
Doss, Bufort.....	Charity and Children
Doughton, Mrs. Mae Belle (MH).....	Cottage Parent, Laundry
Downing, Mrs. Mary (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Drury, Mrs. Mary Marlowe.....	Charity and Children
Drake, Miss Thelma (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Driver, Leon E. (GH).....	Cottage Parent
Driver, Mrs. Leon (Lyda).....	Cottage Parent
Drye, Mrs. M. L. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Duckett, H. D.....	Charity and Children

Duncan, Mrs. J. C. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Dunkley, Mrs. Arnold (MH)	Teacher
Dunlap, Mrs. Allean (MH)	Cottage Parent
Dunn, Miss Carrie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Du Priest, Miss Ann	Social Service Department
Eakes, Miss Ethel (MH)	Teacher
Early, H. G. (MH)	Farm (Poultry)
Early, Mrs. H. G. (MH)	Sewing Room
Earp, Miss Bettie (KH)	Teacher
Eason, John Thomas (KH)	Cottage Parent
Eason, Mrs. John Thomas (KH)	Cottage Parent
Eason, Miss Marie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Eason, Mrs. Sarah B. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Easton, Mrs. Annie Elizabeth (KH)	Cottage Parent
Eastridge, Miss Gwendolyn (MH)	Teacher
Edinger, Paul (MH)	Farm Foreman, Supt. Bldgs. & Grounds
Edinger, Mrs. Paul (MH)	Sewing Room
Edinger, W. M. (MH)	Buildings & Grounds
Edge, Mrs. Vergie C. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Edmonson, Roy (KH)	Buildings & Grounds
Edmonson, Mrs. Roy (KH)	Cottage Parent
Edwards, Miss Dorothy (KH)	Cottage Parent
Edwards, Mrs. G. W. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Edwards, Miss Hattie	Director Social Service Dept.
Edwards, Miss Louise (MH)	Teacher
Eggers, Mrs. E. M. (MH)	Administration Secretary
Eggers, Miss Mamie (MH)	Teacher
Elliott, Mrs. Brenda H.	Public Relations Secretary
Elliott, J. H. (MH)	Buildings & Grounds
Ellis, Ernest (MH)	Buildings & Grounds
Ellis, Miss Mary Gordon	Social Service Department
Elmore, Miss Sarah (MH)	Superintendent Mills Home
Ensley, Miss Bonnie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Epperly, Mrs. Gladys J. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Epperson, Mrs. Evelyn (MH)	Administration Secretary
Ergle, Ramon (MH)	Recreation; Cottage Parent
Ergle, Mrs. Ramon (MH)	Cottage Parent
Evans, Miss Barbara A.	Social Service Department
Evans, Mrs. Linda H.	Social Service Department
Everhart, Miss Bettye	Social Service Department
Everhart, David L., Jr.	Charity and Children
Everhart, Miss Millie (MH)	Laundry
Faircloth, Miss Eva (MH)	Cottage Parent
Farlow, David Leroy	Charity and Children
Farmer, Boyd Leon	Social Service Department
Farmer, Mrs. Boyd Leon	Social Service Department
Farmer, James (KH)	Cottage Parent
Farmer, Mrs. James (KH)	Cottage Parent
Farmer, Mrs. Minnie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Farthing, Harold (MH)	Farm
Farthing, James B. (MH)	Teacher
Farthing, Miss Ruth (MH)	Teacher
Feik, Mrs. Marjorie (KH)	Office Secretary
Ferguson, Mrs. Della (MH)	Cottage Parent
Ferguson, Mrs. Patricia W.	Social Service
Fields, Miss Virginia (MH)	Laundry
Finger, Miss Pearl (KH)	Sewing Room
Finley, Miss Harriet (MH)	Teacher

Fishel, Miss Bettie.....	Social Service
Fleetwood, B. T.....	Director, Social Service Dept.
Fleetwood, Mrs. B. T.....	Dietitian
Fleming, Wallace (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Fleming, Mrs. Wallace (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Flowe, Miss Wilma (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Floyd, J. W.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Fontana, Mrs. Mary (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Ford, Miss Nellie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Fore, Mrs. Lucy (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Forrest, Haywood E. (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Foster, W. D.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Fox, Mrs. E. Lee (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Foxworth, James (MH).....	Recreation
Frady, Mrs. Larry J.....	Social Service Department
Fraley, J. D.....	Treasurer
Franks, Mrs. Patricia L. (MH).....	Recreation
Frazier, Earl (KH).....	Administrative Assistant
Frazier, Mrs. I. P. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Frederick, Mrs. N. C. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Frisbee, Mrs. Grace (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Frisbee, Ray (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Frisbee, Mrs. Ray (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Frye, Mrs. Frances N. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Frye, Robert (MH & KH).....	Cottage Parent
Frye, Mrs. Robert (MH & KH).....	Cottage Parent
Fuller, Miss Martha (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Futrell, Mrs. Brenda (KH).....	Office Secretary
Futrell, Mrs. Effie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Gabriel, Ralph (MH).....	Music
Gailey, F. L. (MH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Galloway, Miss Bertha (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Galloway, Mrs. Velma.....	Social Service
Gardner, June (KH).....	Farm
Gardner, Sim (KH).....	Campus
Gardner, Wesley (KH).....	Farm
Garner, Miss Hazel (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Garrett, Mrs. F. V. (Lucille) (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Gartlan, Mrs. Aimee (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Gaskins, Mrs. Dora (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Gauldin, Miss Linda.....	Social Service Department
Geer, Mrs. Jessie (MH).....	Nurse
Gibson, Miss Betty.....	Social Service Department
Giles, Fred (KH).....	Night Watchman
Giles, Mrs. Marie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Gilliam, Miss Minnie (MH).....	Laundry
Glenn, Miss Linda.....	Social Service Department
Glover, Miss Emily.....	Social Service Department
Goins, James L.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Grady, W. W.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Graham, Adolph (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Graham, William, Jr. (KH).....	Farm
Grant, J. Marse.....	Editor of <i>Charity and Children</i>
Grant, Tommy (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Grant, Worth (KH).....	Pastor
Gray, Miss Betsy Sutton (KH).....	Office Secretary
Green, Miss Margie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Greene, Mrs. Alice.....	Social Service Department
Greenway, Mrs. Bertha (MH).....	Cottage Parent

Greer, Dr. I. G.....	General Supt.
Griffin, Ronald Ted (MH).....	Cottage Parent; Recreation
Griffin, Mrs. Ronald (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Griffith, Mrs. Anna (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Gurganus, Miss India.....	Social Service Department
Hadley, Edwin M.....	Social Service Department
Hairr, Mrs. Janie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Hales, Mrs. Peggy R.....	Social Service Department
Hall, Miss Annie (MH).....	Library
Hall, Miss Euranous J.....	Cottage Parent
Hall, James (KH).....	Music
Hall, Joe (MH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds & Cottage Parent
Hall, Mrs. Joe (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hall, Miss Madeline.....	Social Service Department
Hall, Miss Mary Nell.....	Secretary to Gen. Supt.
Hall, Mrs. Noah (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hall, Mrs. Omega Stone (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Hamby, Miss Lucile (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hamilton, Miss Betty (MH).....	Nurse
Hamilton, Henry Clay (KH).....	Farm & Cottage Parent
Hamilton, Mrs. Henry C. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Hammond, Chesley (OH).....	Supt. Odum Home
Hammond, Mrs. Chesley (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Hardison, Mrs. Helen S. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Hardy, Mrs. Mattie (MH).....	In Charge of Supplies
Harmon, Robert (MH).....	Night Watchman
Harper, Claude (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Harper, Mrs. Claude (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Harrelson, Mrs. T. A. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Harrington, Mrs. Marie W.....	Charity and Children
Harris, Johnnie (KH).....	Buildings & Grounds
Harris, Mrs. Ollie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Harrison, Mrs. Barbara N. (KH).....	Administration Secretary
Harrison, Mrs. Blanche D. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Harrold, James Wade (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Harrold, Mrs. James Wade (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hartsell, Miss Evelyn (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Harvey, Miss Annie Bell (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hatchell, Mrs. Bessie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Hatsell, Miss Carolee.....	Social Service Department
Hawkins, Charlie.....	Charity and Children
Hawley, John T. (MH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds; Cottage Parent
Hawley, Mrs. John T.....	Cottage Parent
Hayes, Mrs. Connie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hayes, Miss Edith (MH).....	Teacher
Hayes, Nelson.....	Development Department
Hedgecock, Miss Mary (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hedgepeth, Miss Lee.....	Social Service Department
Hedrick, Austin.....	Charity and Children
Hedrick, Miss Edna.....	Social Service
Hedrick, Mrs. Patricia (MH).....	Child Development Center
Helderman, Clarence R. (MH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds; Cottage Parent
Helderman, Mrs. Clarence R. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Henry, Mrs. Etta (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hensley, H. J. (KH).....	Farm & Farm Mgr.
Hensley, Mrs. H. J. (KH).....	Laundry
Hensley, Miss Ila (MH).....	Music
Hensley, Mrs. S. T. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Hepler, Cicero G. (MH).....	Farm

Herman, Mrs. Evelyn R.	Social Service Department
Herring, F. Jack	Director, Social Service Department
Herring, Mrs. Katie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hester, Miss Viola (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hiatt, Miss Deborah K. (MH)	Development Department
Higgins, Mrs. Catherine B.	Secretary to President
Hill, Mrs. Audry Veigh	Cottage Parent
Hill, Mrs. Dorothy (KH)	Cottage Parent
Hill, J. H. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Hill, James L. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Hill, Jerry P. (MH)	Music
Hill, Mrs. Lillie P. (KH)	Sewing Room
Hillard, Mrs. Harold	Charity and Children
Hillard, T. H. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Hillard, Mrs. T. H. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hilton, Norman (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Hilton, Thomas (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Hinds, D. D. (KH)	Farm
Hinds, Mrs. D. D. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Hines, A. C. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Hinshaw, Mrs. Mary (KH)	Cottage Parent
Hinshaw, Wesley (KH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Hinson, Mrs. Lillie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hobbs, H. C. (MH)	Laundry
Hobbs, Mrs. H. C. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hogarth, Miss Irene	Recreation
Hoggard, Miss Meritta (KH)	Cottage Parent
Holder, Miss Eva (MH)	Teacher
Holmes, Mrs. James III	Social Service Department
Honeycutt, James H.	Charity and Children
Honeycutt, Mrs. James H.	Charity and Children
Honeycutt, Otis, Jr. (MH)	Recreation
Honeycutt, Miss Ruth (MH)	Teacher
Hood, Miss Cora (MH)	Sewing Room
Hood, G. E. (KH)	Night Watchman
Hooker, James D. (MH)	Office Staff
Hough, Miss Juanita (KH)	Sewing Room
Hough, Joseph C. (KH)	Supt. Kennedy Home
Howard, Miss Callie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Howard, Mrs. Fronnie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Howell, C. M.* (MH)	Foreman, Print Shop; Charity and Children
Howell, Mrs. C. M. (MH)	Teacher
Howell, Pearl (KH)	Supt. Bldgs. & Grounds
Hoyle, Mrs. Helen (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hoyle, Mrs. Kenneth (MH)	Music Teacher
Hoyles, Miss Edith (MH)	Teacher
Huber, Mrs. Alma Smith (KH)	Cottage Parent
Hudson, Mrs. M. M. (MH)	Teacher
Hughes, Mont (MH)	Farm
Hughes, Raymond	Charity and Children
Hughes, Mrs. Ruth	Social Service
Humphry, Albert J. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Humphry, Mrs. Albert J. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hunt, Mrs. Mary C. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hunter, C. E. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hunter, Mrs. C. E. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Hutchins, Mrs. Ellie (MH)	Cottage Parent

* Mr. Howell was Foreman of the Print Shop from 1915-1950. Then, until his death in 1956, he wrote the alumni column for *Charity and Children*.

Hutchinson, Miss Jaunita M.	Cottage Parent
Hutson, Mrs. J. P. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Ipock, Mrs. Eunice (KH)	Cottage Parent
Ipock, Miss Paula Fae	Social Service
Ivey, Mrs. Annie B. (OH)	Cottage Parent
Ivey, George T. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Jackson, Miss Ellene (MH)	Teacher
Jackson, Frank (KH)	Farm
Jackson, Penn (MH)	Laundry
James, Charles (MH)	Farm
James, Miss Ellen	Social Service
Jarman, Jean Carol (KH)	Recreation
Jarratt, A. Allan	Social Service
Jarrett, John (MH)	Farm
Jenkins, Mrs. Ida Belle (MH)	Cottage Parent
Jenkins, Miss Lassie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Jernigan, Miss Callie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Jernigan, Miss Lillian (MH)	Laundry
Johnson, Archibald*	Editor of <i>Charity and Children</i>
Johnson, C. B.† (KH)	Farm Manager
Johnson, Mrs. C. B. (KH)	Supervisor of Sewing Room
Johnson, C. Parker (KH)	Bldgs. & Grounds; Cottage Parent
Johnson, Mrs. C. Parker (KH)	Cottage Parent
Johnson, Miss Ethel (MH)	Teacher
Johnson, Miss Lela M. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Johnson, Mrs. Lena H. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Johnson, Mrs. Lou M. (MH)	Sewing Room
Jones, Clyde (MH)	Farm
Jones, Miss Darlene (KH)	Cottage Parent
Jones, Mrs. Margie Ruth (KH)	Cottage Parent
Jones, W. W. (KH)	Farm Manager
Jones, Mrs. W. W. (KH)	Teacher
Jones, William Robert (KH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Jordan, Miss Edith (KH)	Laundry
Jordan, Lawrence Alton (MH)	Recreation
Jordan, Roger D.	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Joyner, Miss Margaret (MH)	Teacher
Joyner, Miss Nell (MH)	Teacher
Justice, Mrs. Etta (KH)	Cottage Parent
Kay, Mrs. Avery (MH)	Cottage Parent
Kay, W. A. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Kearney, Miss Dorothy C. (KH)	Administration Secretary
Kearns, C. A. (MH)	Teacher; Supt. Mills Home
Keel, Paul (KH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Keel, Mrs. Paul (KH)	Laundry
Kelly, Miss Allie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Kenan, Mrs. Annie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Keys, Paul S. (MH)	Teacher; Farm Manager
Kindley, Mrs. Peggy H.	<i>Charity and Children</i>
King, J. W. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
King, Mrs. Jevelyn (MH)	Cottage Parent
King, Robert L.	Social Service
King, William (MH)	Farm
Kirkman, A. Victor, Jr.	Social Service

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†Mr. C. B. Johnson died on April 24, 1962, while plowing in the field.

Koontz, Mrs. Frances (MH)	Office Secretary
Kornegay, Mrs. Annie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Kruger, Mrs. Myrl (KH)	Nurse
Kyle, Mrs. Peggy (KH)	Cottage Parent
Lackey, Mrs. Sandra Morris (MH)	Child Development Center
Lail, Mrs. Donna B.	Social Service
Lambert, James M. (MH)	Pastor
Lambert, Mrs. James M. (MH)	Child Development Center
Lambeth, Mrs. June H.	Charity and Children
Laney, John M. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds; Cottage Parent
Laney, Mrs. John M. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Laney, Miss Shelia Ann	Charity and Children
Lang, Marietta R. (KH)	Laundry
Lankford, Mrs. Ella (MH)	Cottage Parent
Lawson, Kelly	Charity and Children
Latham, Mrs. Helen (KH)	Cottage Parent
Laws, L. (KH)	Night Watchman
Leary, David O. (KH)	Pastor
Leary, Mrs. David O. (KH)	Education & Music
Leath, Mrs. Polly (MH & KH)	Cottage Parent
Lee, Miss Bettye Joyce (MH)	Nurse
Lee, Mrs. Charles (MH)	Child Development Center
Lee, Sandra Gale (Miss) (MH)	Education
Ledwell, Jerry	Charity and Children
Leland, Francis	Charity and Children
Leonard, Mrs. Gertrude (MH)	Cottage Parent
Leonard, Harold D.	Charity and Children
Lewis, A. J. (MH)	Teacher
Lewis, Tommy N.	Charity and Children
Lide, Eula W. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Limer, Miss Bernice	Social Service
Little, Mrs. Jeraleen B. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Little, Kenneth (MH)	Music
Little, Mrs. Kenneth (MH)	Music
Little, Steve M. (KH)	Recreation
Little, Mrs. Trula (KH)	Cottage Parent
Llewlyn, R. T. (MH)	Teacher
Locklear, Mrs. Henrietta (OH)	Cottage Parent
Locklear, Joel (OH)	Cottage Parent & Recreation
Locklear, Mrs. Joel (OH)	Cottage Parent
Long, Mrs. Dianne (MH)	Cottage Parent
Lopp, Mrs. John (MH)	Cottage Parent
Lopp, Roy (MH)	Farm; Manager, Food Storage Plant
Lopp, Mrs. Roy (MH)	Locker; Office Secretary
Lord, W. B. (MH)	Music Teacher
Lord, Mrs. W. B. (MH)	Music Teacher
Louya, A. C. (MH)	Chief Plumber
Lovelace, A. C. (MH)	School Principal
Lovett, Emory (KH)	Farm; Cottage Parent
Lovett, Mrs. Emory (KH)	Cottage Parent
Lovingood, Paul (MH)	Recreation
Lowder, Mrs. Victoria (MH)	Infirmary
Mabe, Mrs. Marie B. (KH)	Nurse
Mabe, Raymond	Social Service
Mack, Miss Louise (KH)	Recreation
McBride, Miss Lucy (KH)	Cottage Parent
McClenny, Mrs. Oleta (MH)	Cottage Parent
McCormick, Miss Hessie (KH)	Library

McCormick, Miss Virginia (MH)	Cottage Parent
McCracken, Miss Sallie* (MH)	Secretary to Gen. Supt.; Research Secretary
McCredie, Miss Mary Ella	Social Service
McCulloch, W. W. (MH)	Teacher
McCulloch, Mrs. W. W. (MH)	Teacher
McCurdy, Mrs. Helen (MH)	Cottage Parent
McDade, Frank P. (KH)	Farm Manager
McDonald, Glenn (MH)	Cottage Parent
McDonald, Mrs. Glenn (MH)	Cottage Parent
McDonald, W. R. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
McGuire, D. Dwight	Charity and Children
McHargue, Miss Swannie (MH)	Cottage Parent
McIntyre, Donald Ray (MH)	Cottage Parent
McIntyre, Mrs. Donald Ray (MH)	Cottage Parent
McKenzie, Mrs. Armentine (MH)	Cottage Parent
McKoin, C. C. (MH)	Farm Manager
McKoin, Mrs. C. C., Jr.	Charity and Children
McLean, Mrs. W. H. (KH)	Cottage Parent
McLendon, Joseph Parker (MH)	Superintendent
McManus, Miss Arbutus (MH)	Teacher
McMillan, John Arch	Editor Charity and Children
McMillan, Miss Louise	Acting Editor Charity and Children
McMillan, Miss Mary Johnson	Social Service
McMillan, Miss Susie	Teacher
McSwain, Miss Faye (MH)	Cottage Parent
Mallpass, Mrs. Nora (KH)	Cottage Parent
Mallpass, Mrs. Susie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Manis, Mrs. Helen	Social Service
Marlowe, Mrs. J. F. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Marlowe, Tom (MH)	Recreation & Scouts
Marlowe, Mrs. Tom (MH)	Cottage Parent; Charity and Children
Marsden, Mrs. Annie B.	Social Service
Martin, William M. (MH)	Farm
Mason, Mrs. Beulah (MH)	Cottage Parent
Mason, Miss Nancy	Charity and Children
Matthews, Miss Beulah (KH)	Cottage Parent
Mauney, Miss Helen Burt	Social Service
Maynard, Nelson	Charity and Children
Meachum, Miss Louise H. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Meadows, Mrs. Doris Charlene	Social Service
Mellons, Mrs. Thelma (MH)	Cottage Parent
Miller, Mrs. Dorothy D. (MH)	Child Development Center
Miller, Miss Fannie (MH)	Infirmary
Miller, Miss Florence (MH)	Laundry
Miller, Miss Frances (MH)	Teacher
Miller, L. V. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Miller, Mrs. L. V. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Mills, Mrs. Etta (KH)	Cottage Parent
Mills, Miss Maggie (MH)	Laundry
Millsaps, Worth C. (MH)	Mailman
Minton, Blain V.	Social Service
Mintz, Miss Beulah (MH)	Cottage Parent
Mitchell, Mrs. Daisy Andreoli (MH)	Cottage Parent
Mitchell, Mrs. Swannie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Mitchell, W. M. (KH)	Farm
Mizelle, Miss Willie Perkins (MH)	Cottage Parent; Music
Modlin, Mrs. Katie (KH)	Infirmary
Montague, Miss Rowana (MH)	Cottage Parent

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Montsinger, Miss Waneta (MH)	Teacher
Moore, Mrs. Annie Mae (KH)	Cottage Parent
Moore, Miss Carol Sumnerlin	Social Service
Moore, Mrs. George (MH)	Cottage Parent
Moore, Miss Laura (KH)	Cottage Parent
Moore, V. T. (KH)	Farm & Campus
Moore, Mrs. V. T. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Moore, William (KH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Moorefield, Mrs. Joe (MH)	Cottage Parent
Morgan, Miss Lottie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Morgan, Roy (MH)	Mailman; Cottage Parent
Morgan, Mrs. Roy (MH)	Cottage Parent
Morris, Arthur (MH)	Farm
Morris, C. J.	Purchasing Agent
Morris, Mrs. C. J.	Assistant Purchasing Agent
Morton, Miss Barbara S. (MH)	Social Service
Moseley, Mrs. Ada (KH)	Cottage Parent
Motsinger, Lee (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Moye, Mrs. Jane (KH)	Office Secretary
Moye, Mrs. Lillian (KH)	Cottage Parent
Mull, Mrs. Silver (MH)	Cottage Parent
Mumford, Miss Howard (MH)	Teacher
Mundaugh, E. G.	Charity and Children
Murphree, Marvin (MH)	Administration
Murphree, Mrs. Marvin (MH)	Development Department Secretary
Muth, Riman E.	Treasurer
Muth, Mrs. Riman E.*	Social Service
Myers, D. Russell	Social Service
Myers, Mrs. D. Russell	Social Service
Myers, Willard (MH)	Supt. Bldgs. & Grounds
Myers, Mrs. Willard	Charity and Children
Nance, Mrs. Betty Jean (MH)	Child Development Center
Nance, Mrs. Emily	Social Service
Nance, Wayne	Charity and Children
Nanney, Miss Emma (MH)	Infirmary
Neighbors, Everett P.	Charity and Children
Nelson, Mrs. Bruce (MH)	Office
Newman, Miss Elsie	Social Service
Nifong, Mrs. Elma Joyce (MH)	Cottage Parent
Nipper, Mrs. Ola (MH)	Cottage Parent
Norman, John L. (KH)	Social Service
Norris, David A. (MH)	Social Service
Norris, Mrs. David A. (MH)	Social Service
Norris, Harless Jackson (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Norris, Mrs. Harless Jackson	Cottage Parent
O'Brian, Mrs. L. R. (KH)	Cottage Parent; Music
O'Hara, Mrs. Lucy Crisp (KH)	Cottage Parent
Olive, Miss Myra (MH)	Teacher
Oliver, Miss Annie Pearl (MH)	Infirmary
Olney, Miss Lottie (MH)	Teacher
Orman, Mrs. Elaine Nance (MH)	Child Development Center
Osborne, Mrs. Jane G. (MH)	Child Development Center
Osborne, Mrs. S. L. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Owen, Miss Annie (MH)	Sewing Room

*Some of these years Mrs. Muth was not connected with the Homes, but most of the time she was serving in one of the Homes or as director of the casework center at Chapel Hill.

Oxendine, Mrs. Lula (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Oxendine, Mrs. Stella (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Packer, Mrs. Edith (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Padgett, Miss Anita (MH).....	Nurse
Page, Miss Sheryl Carol.....	Social Service
Painter, Mrs. Lenora (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Pappas, Mrs. Fay (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Parker, Mrs. Peggy (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Parker, Mrs. Sudie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Parker, Mrs. W. B. (KH).....	Infirmary
Parrish, Miss Nancy B.....	Social Service
Parsons, Frank (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Parsons, Mrs. Frank (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Parsons, Mrs. Roberta.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Pass, Miss Joyce.....	Social Service
Pate, Jackie (KH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Payne, Mrs. Josie (MH).....	Infirmary
Payne, Robert (MH).....	Farm
Pearson, Mrs. Helen (MH).....	Cottage Parent; Dietitian in Employees' Cottage
Pendergraft, Lloyd.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Perkins, Mrs. Dorris (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Perreault, William D., Jr.....	Social Service
Perry, Miss Elva (KH).....	Secretary; Scout Leader
Petrie, Mrs. J. D. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Phelps, Jake (MH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Phelps, Mrs. Nannie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Phelps, Mrs. Tamra L.....	Social Service
Phillips, Frank, Jr. (KH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Phillips, Mrs. J. W.....	Social Service
Phillips, James E. (KH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Phillips, Miss Naomi (MH).....	Teacher
Pierce, Wade (MH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Pigford, Mrs. Lily Kyle (MH).....	Teacher
Pinnix, Mrs. Lugenia (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Pipkin, Andrew F., Jr. (KH).....	Farm
Pipkins, John C.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Pipkins, Mrs. Ruby (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Pittman, Miss Fannie (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Pleasant, Mrs. Earl.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Poindexter, Mrs. Gladys (KH).....	Secretary
Pollock, Elder (KH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Ponder, Charles B. (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Ponder, Mrs. Charles B. (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Poteat, Richard Wilson (KH).....	Supervisor & Coordinator of Farm
Powell, Reverend F. M. (MH).....	Interim Pastor
Powell, Miss Lena Grace.....	Social Service
Powell, Miss Mary Hester.....	Social Service
Powers, Mrs. Hilda Marvina.....	Social Service
Price, Mrs. Margaret B.....	Social Service
Price, Miss Zelma (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Pridgen, Reverend Paul, Jr. (KH).....	Pastor
Pridgen, Mrs. Paul, Jr. (KH).....	Music
Pringle, Ernest (MH).....	Farm
Pritchard, Miss Lucy (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Pruitt, Mrs. Pearl (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Putnam, Miss Elizabeth (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Quattlebaum, Miss Julia (MH).....	Teacher
Quinn, S. Afton.....	Director, Social Service Dept.
Quinn, Mrs. S. Afton.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>

Rabb, Mrs. J. P. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Raines, Mrs. Clarice (MH)	Teacher
Rankin, Odell (MH)	Cottage Parent
Rankin, Mrs. Odell (MH)	Cottage Parent
Raper, Mrs. Lugenia (MH)	Cottage Parent
Raper, Sam L. (MH)	Dairy; Farm
Raper, Mrs. Sam L. (MH)	Library
Railiff, Robert B. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Ratliff, Mrs. Robert B. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Ray, Miss Susan Ann	Social Service
Rector, Mrs. Zura (MH)	Dietitian; Staff Building
Reece, Davis N.	Social Service
Reece, Mrs. Davis N. (MH)	Education
Reed, Miss Lucile (KH & MH)	Secretary to Gen. Supt.
Reed, W. C. (KH & MH)	Supt. (KH); Gen. Supt.
Reed, Mrs. W. C.*	Purchasing of Children's Clothes
Reeves, Mrs. Velina (KH)	Laundry
Reid, Horace (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Richardson, Van (MH & KH)	Farm; Farm Supervisor
Richardson, Mrs. Van (KH & MH)	Sewing Room
Rickman, Miss Minerva (MH)	Office
Riddle, Miss Edith (MH)	Office
Riggs, Fern T.	Social Service
Ripple, Miss Lizzie (MH)	Infirmary; Cottage Parent
Roache, Miss Eunice (KH)	Cottage Parent
Roache, Mrs. Evelyn C.	Social Service
Robbins, John R. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Roberts, John E.	Editor <i>Charity and Children</i>
Roberts, Miss Kate (MH)	Cottage Parent
Roberts, Miss Lillian (MH)	Cottage Parent
Roberts, Miss Paralee (MH)	Cottage Parent
Robertson, Mrs. Thelma Fry (MH)	Cottage Parent
Robinson, J. C. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Rodwell, Miss Helen (MH)	Teacher
Rogers, Mrs. Chester (MH)	Cottage Parent
Rogers, Thomas	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Rohrbaugh, Alan L.	Social Service
Ross, Mrs. Emily (KH)	Cottage Parent
Ross, Miss Joanne (KH)	Music
Rouse, Miss Edna (KH)	Cottage Parent
Rouse, Mrs. Mary L. (KH)	Sewing Room
Rowell, Miss Helen (MH)	Office; Teacher
Royse, Edgar (MH)	Teacher
Royse, Mrs. Edgar (MH)	Teacher
Rucker, Miss Alice (MH)	Infirmary
Rumfelt, Miss Ann	Social Service
Rumfelt, Miss Kathryn (KH)	Music
Russ, Mrs. Fannie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Russell, Miss Emily	Social Service
Russell, Glenn (MH)	Farm
Russell, Mrs. Naomi (MH)	Cottage Parent
Safriet, William A.	Social Service
Sain, Mrs. Evelyn (MH)	Cottage Parent
Sain, Fred (MH)	Cottage Parent; Farm
Sain, Mrs. Fred (MH)	Cottage Parent
Sanders, Lemuel (KH)	Cottage Parent

*At Mills Home Mrs. Reed spent full time for eight years helping children select their clothes without any salary.

Sanders, Mrs. Lemuel (KH)	Cottage Parent
Sanders, Mrs. Queen E. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Sanders, Mrs. Zaley M. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Sanderson, Mrs. Nellie (KH)	Cottage Parent
Sasser, Mrs. H. I. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Saunders, Robert W. (MH)	Administration
Savage, Thomas	Social Service
Saville, Miss Doris (MH)	Cottage Parent
Scarborough, Mrs. Maggie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Scott, Orville L.	Editor <i>Charity and Children</i>
Scott, Mrs. Orville L.	Education
Seagle, Mrs. Maude (MH)	Cottage Parent
Seivelle, Mrs. Fannie W. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Sellers, Mrs. B. A. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Sellers, Mrs. Melissa	Social Service
Sexton, Mrs. Lela (MH)	Cottage Parent
Sharber, William G.	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Sherman, Miss Willie (MH)	Sewing Room
Shockey, Mrs. J. N. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Shoemaker, Leon	Social Service
Shoemaker, Mrs. Leon (MH)	Development Department
Shooter, Mrs. Mary (OH)	Cottage Parent
Short, Miss Margaret	Social Service
Sides, Mrs. Inabelle L. (MH)	Child Development Center
Sigmon, Marley (MH)	Teacher
Sigmon, Mrs. Marley (MH)	Teacher
Simmons, Mrs. Pearl (KH)	Cottage Parent
Simmons, Russell F. (KH)	Farm
Simmons, Mrs. Russell F.	Cottage Parent
Simpson, Miss Betsy	Social Service
Sink, Mrs. Jackie (MH)	Office
Sink, Joe Alfred	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Sisk, Mrs. Mae Van	Social Service
Sisk, William A. (MH)	Farm; Director of Campus Life
Sisk, Mrs. William A. (MH)	Office
Skaggs, Romulus (MH)	School Principal
Skaggs, Mrs. Romulus (MH)	Teacher
Slate, Thomas O. (KH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Slate, Mrs. Thomas O. (KH)	Laundry
Slaton, Mrs. J. E. (MH)	Cottage Parent
Smith, Miss Annie	Social Service
Smith, Miss Annie Mae (KH)	Cottage Parent
Smith, Miss Elizabeth (KH)	Social Service
Smith, Mrs. Exie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Smith, Miss Ida (KH)	Cottage Parent
Smith, H. B. (MH)	Farm
Smith, Miss Linda D. (MH)	Office
Smith, Mrs. Mae Vann	Social Service
Smith, Marion S.	Social Service
Smith, Mrs. Paul (MH)	Cottage Parent
Smith, Reverend R. F., Jr. (KH)	Pastor
Smith, Mrs. R. F., Jr. (KH)	Music
Smith, Roscoe (KH)	Farm
Smith, Mrs. Rosebud (MH)	Cottage Parent
Smith, W. A. (KH)	Superintendent, Kennedy Home
Smith, Mrs. W. A. (KH)	Assistant Superintendent
Smoot, Richard A.	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Sneed, Miss Elizabeth (MH)	Teacher
Snyder, Mrs. Charlotte (MH)	Child Development Center
Southerland, Gerald	Social Service

Sparks, Miss Bobby.....	Charity and Children
Sparrow, Mickey (MH).....	Recreation
Sparrow, Miss Patsy.....	Social Service
Sparrow, Vernon S. (MH).....	Supt. Mills Home
Sparrow, Mrs. Vernon S. (MH).....	Supply Cottage Parent
Speight, Mrs. Margaret L.....	Social Service
Speight, Walter (KH).....	Cottage Parent; Campus
Speight, Mrs. Walter (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Spivey, E. T. (MH).....	Infirmary
Sprinkle, Miss Evelyn (MH).....	Office
Squire, Miss Margaret.....	Social Service
Stallings, Mrs. Emma L. (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Stancil, Wilbur H.....	Charity and Children
Stanford, Mrs. Eva (MH).....	Infirmary
Stanford, Robert.....	Social Service
Starnes, Hugh H.....	Social Service; now Supt. of Broyhill Home
Starnes, Mrs. Hugh H.....	Social Service
Staton, Mrs. J. S. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Staton, Oberry (KH).....	Farm
Steele, Glenn (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Steele, Mrs. Glenn (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Steele, James D. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Steele, Mrs. James D. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Stevens, Woodrow (MH).....	Cottage Parent; Charity and Children
Stevens, Mrs. Woodrow (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Stillwell, Miss Laura (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Stone, Mrs. Bertha (MH).....	Recreation
Stone, Mrs. Bess (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Strickland, Mrs. Annie (OH).....	Dietitian
Strickland, Mrs. Annys (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Strickland, B. F. (MH).....	Teacher
Strickland, Miss Lizzie (KH).....	Infirmary
Stroud, Tolbert (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Stroud, Mrs. Tolbert (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Stroupe, Miss Della (MH).....	Teacher
Stroupe, Miss Winnie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Stump, Robert R. (MH).....	Social Service
Stump, Mrs. Robert R.....	Education
Styke, Miss Gloria (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Suggs, Mrs. Josephine (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Sumner, Mrs. Emma Alyce (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Sutton, Miss Betty Jane (KH).....	Secretary
Sutton, Claude (KH).....	Farm
Sutton, Leroy (KH).....	Farm
Sutton, Rodd (KH).....	Farm
Sutton, Sylvanus (KH).....	Farm
Swain, Mrs. H. L. (MH).....	Sewing Room
Swett, Tommy D. (OH).....	Superintendent
Swett, Mrs. Tommy D. (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Swing, Claude (MH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Swing, John (MH).....	Farm
Swing, Mrs. John (MH).....	Supplies
Taylor, Miss Elizabeth (MH).....	Teacher
Taylor, Miss Geneva Mae (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Templeton, Miss Elva (MH).....	Teacher
Terrell, Miss Rebecca Jane (MH).....	Development Department
Terrell, Miss Sharon.....	Social Service
Terrell, W. Isaac.....	Pastor (MH) and Director Development Department

Terrell, Mrs. W. Isaac.....	Development Department
Terrell, W. Isaac, Jr. (KH).....	Recreation
Thaggard, Mrs. Janie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Tharrington, Miss Fern.....	Social Service
Thomas, Will Andrew.....	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Thomas, Guy P. (MH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Thomas, Mrs. Guy P. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Thompson, Miss Nannie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Thompson, Mrs. Sarah (MH).....	Dietitian, Child Development Center
Thompson, Mrs. Tisha Mae (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Thrift, Mrs. Lillie S. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Tilghman, Warren D. (KH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds Supervisor
Tingley, Mrs. Ella (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Tolar, Mrs. Annie Worrell (OH).....	Cottage Parent
Toler, Miss Dorothy (MH).....	Teacher
Tomson, Thomas (MH).....	Farm
Treatt, Mrs. T. (KH).....	Office; Teacher
Troyer, Mrs. Sarah G. (KH).....	Infirmery
Turnage, James W. (KH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Turner, Miss Eulalia (MH).....	Lady Manager
Tutor, William (KH).....	Bldgs. & Grounds
Tuttle, Miss Allene (MH).....	Office
Tyndall, Mrs. Ruby (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Tyner, Mrs. Viola Price (KH).....	Cottage Parent
VanHook, Miss Joyce.....	Social Service
Vassar, Miss Lucille (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Vester, Iola C. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Wade, Jesse (KH).....	Night Watchman
Wagoner, Miss Janet Anne (MH).....	Child Development Center
Wagoner, W. R.....	General Superintendent; President
Wagoner, Mrs. W. R. (MH).....	Director, Child Development Center
Waldrop, W. D.*.....	Galloway Farm
Walker, Mrs. Emily G. (MH).....	Child Development Center
Walker, Melvin (MH & KH).....	Office at MH; Asst. Supt. (KH)
Walker, Mrs. Melvin (MH & KH).....	Cottage Parent; Office
Walker, Miss Rose Marie.....	Social Service
Walker, Mrs. Sirrena (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Walker, Willie E. (KH).....	Manager, Food Locker Plant
Walmer, William E., Jr.....	Cottage Parent
Wall, Brantley (MH).....	Farm
Wall, Mrs. Dorothy P. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Wall, Dr. Zeno.....	General Supt.
Walston, Mrs. Esther (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Walther, Fred A. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Walther, Mrs. Fred A. (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Walton, Miss Dorothy (KH).....	Cottage Parent
Walton, Reverend J. O. (MH).....	Pastor
Ward, Joe Anne, Miss (MH).....	Child Development Center
Ward, Miss Esther (MH & KH).....	Cottage Parent
Ward, Mrs. Katherine (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Ward, Miss Nancy.....	Social Service
Wartman, Mrs. Annie (MH).....	Cottage Parent
Warner, Miss Julia (MH).....	Teacher
Watson, Mrs. R. Donald.....	Child Development Center
Watson, Miss Gloria.....	Social Service
Watson, R. Donald.....	Social Service

*Mr. Waldrop managed a farm in Henderson County that was given to the Homes by two Galloway sisters. Later the farm was sold.

Weathersbee, Mrs. Marguerite K.	Social Service
Weaver, Miss Bessie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Webb, Mrs. Martha (MH)	Cottage Parent
Webster, Mrs. Leo (MH)	Cottage Parent
Weimer, Miss Elaine (MH)	Child Development Center
Wells, Miss Estelle (KH)	Laundry
Wells, Marvin (KH)	Night Watchman
Werner, Mrs. Delia (MH)	Cottage Parent
West, Mrs. Estelle C. (MH)	Teacher
Wester, Mrs. Venus (MH)	Cottage Parent
White, Elwood (KH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
White, Mrs. Emma (MH)	Cottage Parent
White, Mrs. Grace (MH)	Cottage Parent
White, Miss Ella (KH)	Cottage
White, J. A. (MH)	Night Watchman
White, J. Eugene	Editor, <i>Charity and Children</i>
White, Miss Lucile (MH)	Teacher
White, Odell (KH)	Farm
Whitener, Miss Lucile (KH)	Cottage Parent
Whitley, Tom	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Whittington, James	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Whittington, Mrs. W. W. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Wilder, A. D. (KH)	Farm
Wilder, Mrs. Maggie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilder, Mrs. Pearl (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wiley, Thomas	<i>Charity and Children</i>
Wilkie, Reverend E. Cleveland (KH)	Pastor
Wilkie, Mrs. E. Cleveland (KH)	Music
Willingham, Miss Christine	Social Service
Williams, Mrs. Alice (KH)	Cottage Parent; Dietitian
Williams, Mrs. Ben (MH)	Library
Williams, E. G. (KH)	Night Watchman
Williams, J. W. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Williams, Rev. Roger E., Jr.	Pastor, (MH); Superintendent (KH)
Williams, Mrs. Roger E., Jr. (KH)	C.D.C., 1969; Administration
Willis, Miss Bertha (MH)	Teacher; Director of Recreation
Wilson, Dewey (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Wilson, Mrs. Dewey (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilson, Miss Fannie (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilson, Glenn (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilson, Mrs. Glenn (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilson, Miss Irene (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilson, Miss Imogene (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilson, Mrs. Lena (MH)	Cottage Parent
Wilson, V. (MH)	Shoe Shop
Wilkins, Mrs. George (KH)	Cottage Parent
Winberry, Miss Carolyn	Social Service
Windham, Walter L. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Windham, Mrs. Walter L. (KH)	Cottage Parent
Windley, Miss Minerva	Social Service
Winningham, Miss Ann	Social Service
Winship, Miss Marie Locklear (OH)	Cottage Parent
Withers, J. W. (MH)	Recreation
Wood, Bill (KH)	Farm
Wood, Mrs. Bill (KH)	Cottage Parent
Wood, Mrs. Carrie (MH)	Infirmiry
Wood, L. C. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Wood, Walter* (MH & OH)	Superintendent, Greer Home
Wood, Mrs. Walter (MH & GH)	Asst. Superintendent, Greer Home, 1964-1968

Woodson, Mrs. Sue (MH)	Cottage Parent
Womble, Herbert (KH)	Farm
Workman, Mrs. James (MH)	Cottage Parent
Worthen, Miss Elizabeth (MH)	Secretary Superintendent
Wray, Carl J. (MH)	Bldgs. & Grounds
Wright, Miss Mildred (MH)	Office
Wright, Miss Sue (MH)	Sewing Room
Wyatt, Miss Ruby (KH)	Secretary to Superintendent
Wysong, Mrs. Lula (MH)	Cottage Parent
York, Miss Mary	Social Service
Young, Mrs. Ruth (KH)	Cottage Parent
Young, James	Charity and Children
Zevely, Daryl (MH)	Recreation

APPENDIX B

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS
MILLS HOME AND KENNEDY HOME

The Alumni Association at Mills Home was established in 1911.

1911	Miss Estelle Cox
1912	Cyrus M. Howell
1930	Wayne McDaniels
1935	Wayne McDaniels
1936	H. Ted Hethcock
1937	H. Ted Hethcock
1938	Mrs. C. M. Howell (May Ammons)
1939	Roland Cain
1940	Arthur Whitehurst
1941	A. Macrae Buchanan
1942	Mrs. J. O. Bailey (Mary Misenheimer)
(Due to gasoline rationing during World War II, no further meetings were held until 1945.)	
1945	Mrs. J. O. Bailey
1946	Mrs. J. O. Bailey
1947	Carl Leonard
1948	Carl Leonard
1949	Nelson Hayes
1950	Cyrus R. Harrington
1951	Cyrus R. Harrington
1952	Roland Cain
1953	Roland Cain
1954	Douglas Hobby
1955	Douglas Hobby
1956	Dr. E. Ted Chandler
1957-1958	B. Cleveland Wilkie
1959-1960	Cyrus R. Harrington
1961-1962	Mrs. Lester Holloway (Emily Lyon)
1963-1964-1965	Joseph F. Hawkins
1966-1967	Don McCarson
1968-1969	Everett Smith
1970-1971	Mace Brown

*Mr. Wood served with distinction until his death in 1967.

The Alumni Association at Kennedy Home was established in 1932.

1932	Julius Coggins
1933	Julius Coggins
1934	Mrs. Joden Cranford
1935	Jessie Sellers
1936	Evelyn Lane
1937	Evelyn Lane
1938	(None)
1939	Jack Gattis
1940	Lindsey Bass
1941	Nelson A. Hayes
1942	Nelson A. Hayes
1943	Nelson A. Hayes
1944	Nelson A. Hayes
1945	Nelson A. Hayes
1946	R. M. Barefoot
1947	Lindsey Bass
1948	Lindsey Bass
1949	Lindsey Bass
1950	Buster Tant
1951	Deaver Shell
1952	Lester Laws
1953	Arnold Medford
1954	Arnold Medford
1955	Lindsey Bass
1956	Lindsey Bass
1957	James Bridges
1958	James Bridges
1959	James McKee
1960	James McKee
1961	Gibbs Moore
1962	Gibbs Moore
1963-1964	R. M. Barefoot
1965-1966	Charles Flynn
1967-1968	Charles Hester
1969-1970	Robert Doyle
1971-1972	James McKee

APPENDIX C

ALUMNI LOST IN RECENT WARS

In World War I, forty of the boys reared at the Homes served in the armed services. Four were killed:

Adlai Stevens
Charles C. Cook
William M. Bazemore
Arthur R. Howell

In World War II, three hundred and twelve boys from the Homes served their country with distinction. Eleven were killed in action:

Clifton Benton
Virgil Briles
Edgar J. Green
Charles E. Gallimore
Alford Haire

Lucian Malpass
James B. Norville
Clyde V. Owens
William D. Ross
Wilbur Spaul
Bennie Thomas

In the Korean War, one hundred and seventy-five of our boys answered the call of duty and served with dedication. So far as we know, none were killed in action.

In the war in Vietnam, over two hundred have entered the service. We know of only one who has been killed in action: Peter W. Fields.

AFTERWORD

BY MRS. W. C. REED

The last day of W. C.'s life was spent working on this book. He had worked on the tedious task of making an appendix with the name of everyone who ever worked in the Baptist child care program between 1932 and 1970. He was finishing this part of the book on August 30, an hour before he was stricken with a heart attack. He died on August 31, 1970.

This book was a labor of love. With all his heart he wanted to write the history of Baptist child care, and yet he was not sure he could. After having thought it over for several weeks, he said to me one day, "I am going to undertake this assignment the Trustees have asked me to do, and I hope I can live to finish it." He thought he could work persistently and regularly, but he found many other calls of service that took time from the book. He would often say before going into his study, "I hope I don't have too many interruptions this morning. Time is running out, and I must get this finished." He did get it finished, just when time did run out.

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Going into child care work was a hard decision for us to make. We were happy in Maiden—it was the only full-time pastorate that W. C. ever accepted. But we never doubted for one moment that we were following God's will for our lives. When we moved to Kennedy Home in 1943, the first thing we did was to visit the children and their houseparents in each of the cottages. Our first project was learning the names of all the children. After this period of visitation, we sat down and looked at each other, a little frightened at the task before us. W. C. said, "What do you think we can do with this big number of children to be father and mother to?" He followed this statement quickly by saying, "We must never in any way make the children feel we are trying to take the place of their parents. We must be very careful about that." My comment was, "We will just try to guide them like we believe good parents should. When there is a problem, we can always ask ourselves what we would do for our own child."

Not long after, a houseparent came to the office to say that one of her boys had taken a five-dollar bill from her billfold. W. C. went to her cottage and talked to the boys. I didn't know until several years after we retired how he handled this situation. It was the occasion of the homecoming. I saw this boy who was now in the armed services

come rushing up to W. C. He looked like he was really glad to see him. After shaking hands and hugging each other, they laughed and talked together. Then there was a serious moment. I saw the boy pull out an envelope and put it in W. C.'s pocket and walk away. He didn't come by to speak to me; he just kept on walking. On our way home that afternoon I asked about the boy. W. C. handed me the envelope. In it was a five-dollar bill. "You remember the boy who took the money from the housemother? This was the boy. He came to me on the campus and told me all about it. I gave him the money to replace it after he and his housemother had come to an understanding. That was our secret. He was to pay me back when he had earned some money." I guess I would never have known about the incident if I had not witnessed the scene and asked.

As child after child came to live with us, sometimes an entire family of five or six children, there was always a big question in our minds: "What then will this child be?" We had to realize our limitations. The terrible upheavals, disappointments, rejections, losses, and mistreatments that each child had suffered, along with whatever wholesome experiences, were now a part of his life pattern. They could not be erased or undone. We had to take him as he was, with negative as well as positive behavior patterns. This was our starting point. Another limitation we had to recognize was the child's heritage. Some of the children had superior mental ability, others were average, while still others were limited. Each child was a very special individual and had to be treated accordingly. Our greatest resource, as I looked at the situation, was the love to meet each child's needs.

This realization came to me forcibly one day after W. C. had taken two days to work with a boy who was about to be dismissed from college. The day they returned after the difficulty had been resolved, the young man said to W. C., "I never knew you loved me like this. I thought you were paid to love me."

W. C. had the utmost faith in all the children who belonged to our big family. He firmly believed that God had a plan for each child, and it was up to us to help this child discover the plan for his life. He thought that every staff member, regardless of his position, had an opportunity and a responsibility to set an example of high ideals and to lend a hand to help a child find his way. He worked out, through experience and observation, a philosophy for the staff. Each member should be self-disciplined, have a listening ear, be able to forgive and forget, have an abundance of patience and compassion, and have an educational background sufficient to be of service to a child in search of knowledge.

With the large number of children we had in some of the cottages in those days, the houseparents had all they could do to keep order, mend clothes, do housework, and see that the children had medical attention. Our big concern was to try to find ways and means to reduce the number of children in a cottage so that the houseparent would have time to listen to each child and try to make him feel needed and wanted.

There were so many applications and such need during those depression years that it was difficult to cut down on the number of children. When there were more funds available so that extra case workers could be added to the staff, the case workers were able to rehabilitate some of the children's homes so that they could go back to their parents. They also found foster homes for some of the children who needed that kind of service. Mother's Aid always helped in a big way to keep a family together until they could qualify for Federal aid. All these services slowly but surely helped cut down the number of children in a cottage.

We soon learned, after coming into the child care program, that the key to group living was trained houseparents. In the meetings of the different child-care agencies, there was much discussion on this subject. There was a committee appointed at the Tri-State Conference to explore the possibilities of setting up a program of training for houseparents at the University of North Carolina under the supervision of the School of Social Work. W. C. was asked to be chairman. He at once got in touch with Dr. Alan Keith-Lucas, and with his help and supervision the training program became a reality. It is both amazing and gratifying to look back and realize the progress this training program has made in the Children's Homes over the years.

We were connected with the Children's Home Program for more than a quarter of a century. These were exciting years. How thrilling to look back now at the beginnings, the struggles, the mistakes and heartaches, and finally to see some of our fondest dreams come true. There are the hundreds of children who have gone out from the Homes who are making a fine contribution to society. There is the Broyhill Home in the Western part of the state, almost ready for the children to move into. There is the Greer Home at Chapel Hill for emotionally disturbed children, and the Home for Unwed Mothers at Asheville. There is the training program at Chapel Hill where houseparents from all parts of the United States are coming for training. And there is the cottage on the beach at Morehead City where all the children can go for vacations. But most gratifying of all is to see the relaxed expressions on the faces of the children who now live in the

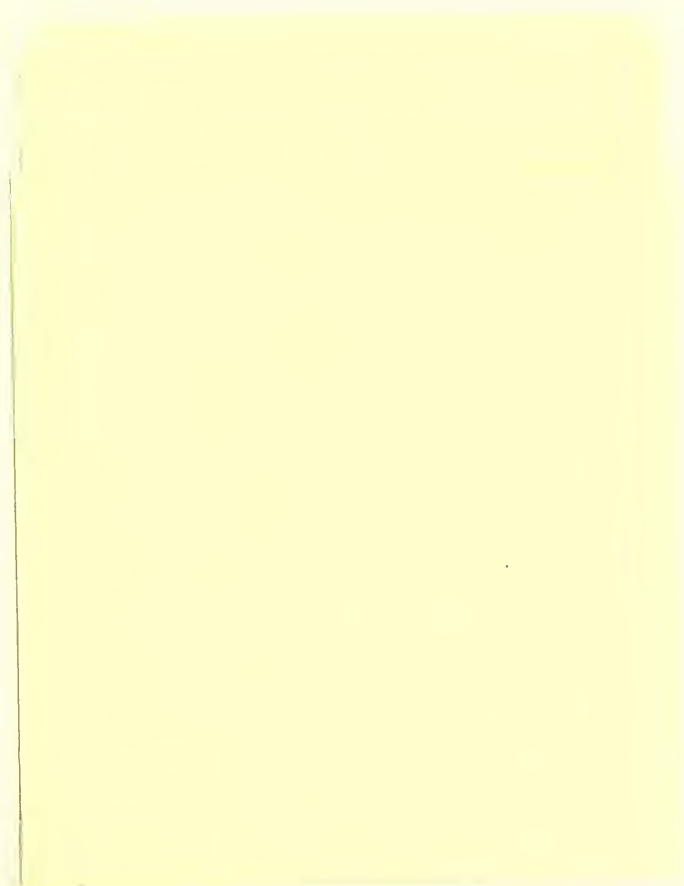
cottages. This leads me to believe that they are getting answers to their perplexing problems and gaining self-esteem.

Following his death, many friends of W. C. desired some tangible way to express their appreciation for the contribution he had made. The idea of the W. C. Reed Memorial Gymnasium, to be erected simultaneously with the Robinson Recreation Building at Kennedy Home, was born. Today a beautiful and spacious gymnasium stands on the Kennedy Home campus, built to his memory, and serving to bless the lives of children.

These years have not only been exciting, even with some raindrops along the way, but they have been rewarding. Never a week goes by without hearing something from some of the children. There is a contentment that passes all understanding which has made the sunset years of our lives more beautiful and wonderful than the sunrise.

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